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VALUE OF DISCIPLINE IN EDUCATION
WHAT "TRADITION" MEANS
GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO QUEEN'S COLLEGE BOYS.
JUNIOR LOCAL CHANGES?

His Excellency the Governor, presenting the prizes to successful students of Queen's College this morning, concurred with the view expressed in the report of the head master, Mr. F. J. de Rome, that the examination results in the Junior Local were disappointing. He added that he was looking into the question with a view to making changes. Although he did not claim to be an educationalist, he thought that with the help of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir W. W. Hornell, and Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Director of Education, improvements would eventually be made.

Sir William Peel went on to emphasise the value of discipline and tradition in early school life. It was a mistake if boys thought that they came to school purely for academic education. Discipline was all-important. Students could not hope to be leaders in after life without it. "Rules are often irksome," said His Excellency, "but it should be remembered that they have been made by people of experience."

PLAY UP! PLAY THE GAME!

Queen's College had a tradition of its own, but he would like to point out to the students that the greater traditions—those of playing the game, and dealing honourably with their fellows—were not only learned in the schoolroom, but were even better learned in the playground. (Applause.)

Sir William congratulated the head master and staff of the College on their record of achievement in the face of admittedly uncongenial conditions. He considered that it was one they might well be proud of.

After presenting the prizes, His Excellency, at the request of the head master, unveiled a photograph of Mr. A. H. Crook, for some years head master of the College. In doing so he said that he had not the pleasure of having known Mr. Crook personally, but all present, no doubt, would know of his distinguished career. Personally, he thought it very fitting that a memento of Mr. Crook should be in Queen's College, toward whose success he had contributed so much. (Loud applause.)

It was previously stated by Mr. de Rome that the photograph was the gift of an old Queen's College boy who wished to remain anonymous.

His Excellency, upon arrival, was accompanied by Lady Peel, Sir W. W. Hornell, Mr. G. P. de Martin, and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

Mr. de Rome, in presenting the report for the year, said:—
Your Excellency, Mr. de Martin, Ladies and Gentlemen—I have the honour to present my report on Queen's College for the year 1930. I shall not take up your time by reading a mass of figures and statistics; they are much the same as in former years and details will be given in my official report to the Director of Education. There is one point, however, in connection with these figures which requires more than a passing reference and to which I should particularly like to draw the attention of parents and guardians—and that is the attendance. It is a somewhat prosaic subject but none the less important, since both punctuality and regularity of attendance exercise a great effect on discipline and tone, without which no good work can be done in any school. I find the average attendance for the year was only 86 per cent.; on an average 40-50 boys were absent every day, or again on an average each boy in the school was absent for about 2 1/2 weeks during the school year. Parents go to no end of trouble to get their children into the school, and yet, once there, they seem to suffer from a kind of amnesia, and forget all about the school. I have said that the only time he felt

AMAZING NEW SPEED RECORD.

Capt. Campbell Races at 245 Miles An Hour.

TRIUMPH FOR BRITAIN.

Daytona Beach, Florida, Yesterday.
Captain Malcolm Campbell made a new world's record of 245.733 miles an hour at Daytona Beach to-day.
British Cars Best.
Later.
Captain Campbell, after his Southward run, waived the privilege of changing his tyres and the half-hour interval; he simply swung his car round and raced off for the Northward run.
The car was under splendid control and Captain Campbell hardly gave the onlookers time to congratulate him on his new record when he jumped in a "baby" Austin in an attempt to beat the record for cars of 45 cubic centimetres, "in order to prove that British cars—giants or midgets—are the world's best."
He was not successful in this attempt.
Official Times.
Captain Campbell's times over a measured mile were:—
Southward run: 14.60 seconds at 245.575 miles an hour.
Northward run: 14.70 seconds at 244.897 miles an hour.—
Reuter's American Service.

safe in this hall was when the roof was shored up with huge scaffolding poles. He could have entered the hall this year from April to September with perfect confidence. I should like to thank the Public Works Department for carrying out their various activities with the minimum amount of interference to school work: they were most considerate and, whenever possible, carried out repairs during holidays and week-ends. When they had to wield a hammer during school hours it was hardly noticed among the manifold distractions with which we are surrounded: like the poor they are always with us.
I wish to thank the Botanical and Forestry Department for retopping all our pot palms. We now have a number of flowering plants: they all help to brighten up the school.
About half of our classes have to work with artificial light the whole day; the lighting of these rooms is still far from satisfactory. A new common room for Anglo-Chinese masters has been fashioned out a verandah.
The spacious basement under this hall, for almost half a century the repository of broken furniture and in a filthy condition, and the delight of all the cats and other vermin in the neighbourhood, has been cleared out and cleaned up, resurfaced, and lighted by the Public Works Department. It now serves as an indoor recreation room, managed by the Queen's College branch of the Y.M.C.A. Equipment.
Much new and necessary equipment has been obtained during the year; in spite of the serious fall in exchange: much of this has been bought out of our own resources. It was necessary to replace practically all our geographical wall-maps: in addition an excellent selection of historical wall-maps, charts, and pictures has been obtained and we are now fairly well equipped in both these directions. A Teachers' Reference Library has been instituted and already boasts 324 volumes: books which deal primarily with the teaching of all school subjects. I am glad to say it is well used by the staff and I hope will bear fruit in better teaching methods: there is little excuse for masters and mistresses not to be up to date.
Our school library contains 2411 volumes; it is little used except by the staff and a few of the Senior pupils; and so a beginning has been made with the provision of Class Libraries: books more suited to the age and capabilities of the boys. The average Chinese boy rarely reads a book outside his school text-books. His ignorance of everyday events etc. is abysmal, and it is with the conviction that something should be done to remedy this state of affairs that I consider Class Libraries, carefully graded, necessary. I do not need to stress the importance

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THEFT FROM FOREIGNER.

Pickpocket's Unfounded Allegation.

JAIL WITHOUT OPTION.

Stated to have just completed two months in jail for larceny from the person, a Chinese appeared before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Second Court this morning charged with the larceny of a fountain pen, the property of Mr. W. A. Gaswell. He pleaded not guilty.
Mr. Gaswell said that he was walking with a friend in Des Vaux Road last night, when he saw the accused coming toward him with his left arm raised. As the latter passed them, the complainant felt a pull at his breast pocket, and then saw that his pen was missing. They turned round and saw accused running away. Witness chased him, and after a run of about fifty yards managed to arrest him.
Accused (to Magistrate): The witness and his friend were both drunk in Des Vaux Road and when I passed them the witness got hold of me and assaulted me.
His Worship (to witness): Were you drunk?
Mr. Gaswell: I never drink. I am a teetotaler.
Accused admitted the previous conviction and his Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

COOLER.

To-day's Royal Observatory's weather report is as follows:—
The Japanese depression is central to the S.W. of Tokyo. The Tongking depression is filling up.
The anti-cyclone has strengthened and is now central near Peking.
Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
Forecast:—N. winds, strong; cloudy and misty at first, improving later; cooler.
Rainfall.
Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day nil. Rainfall since January 1, 0.37 inch, against an average of 1.83.
Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 71
Macao 59
Pratas Island 74
Manila 72
Fuchow 58
Amoy 54
Swatow 48
Chefoo 24
Shanghai 31

STOP PRESS

Brisbane, Yesterday.
Serious floods are following the week's torrential rains, and many homes have been abandoned; but without loss of life. Transport is hopelessly disorganised and thousands unable to leave the city had to be housed in churches, schools, and warehouses. The country along the coast is isolated. The water at Matrubra is reported to have reached a depth of 61 feet.—Reuter.
Wellington, Yesterday.
More optimistic news comes from Napier this morning. It is now estimated that the total death toll in Napier is little over 100. The search for bodies continues, and the evacuation of women and children is proceeding steadily.—Reuter.
Warsaw, Yesterday.
Three hundred and forty-nine Communists have been arrested at Lodz during the past two days. Documents have been found which are alleged to implicate Moscow. The accused are liable to sentences of eight or ten years' jail, possibly death. The trial will be a big affair, but will probably not start for a year.—Reuter.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

MR. FUNG PING-SHAN ON VALUE OF CHINESE STUDIES.

PRIZE DAY SPEECH.

Mr. Fung Ping-shan this morning distributed the prizes in the Government Vernacular Middle School, Saiyungun, in the presence of a large gathering of students and their parents and friends of the school.
Mr. Fung, who addressed the gathering in Chinese, referred to the fact that from among the hundreds of students who sat for the Matriculation and Junior Local Examinations of 1930, only one gained distinction in Chinese. This was sufficient proof that Chinese students in Hong Kong were over-emphasising Western studies and were unfortunately blind to the truth that Chinese studies were the source of their civilisation as well as their culture.
The head master, Mr. Li King-hong, in presenting the school report for the past year, said:—
Welcome.
This morning we have the greatest pleasure in welcoming a distinguished supporter of education to preside at our Prize-giving. I refer to Mr. Fung Ping-shan, our venerable friend, and one of the most enthusiastic promoters and well-wishers of our school. It is universally recognised that the most worthy investment is that in education. But important as it is, education is a task which elsewhere has to be shared by the Government as well as by the community—especially by enlightened and far-sighted members of the community who could afford to give substantial assistance. Of such members Mr. Fung Ping-shan is a shining example. It is needless for me to enumerate his generous financial aids to education; but it would be sufficient for me to point out that so far his munificent gifts for education in the Colony and in Kwongtung province have amounted to six hundred thousand dollars. Apart from the monetary value, it is his sincere devotion and public spirit that command the appreciation and respect of us all. I am sure his presence here this morning is an encouraging example to everyone.
The Report.
At the beginning of the year under review we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Li Hoi-tung and Mr. Li Kwong-chun as Hok Tung of our school. These appointments of the Government met with the most hearty endorsement of our staff and students.
It is a fact worthy of record that since the establishment of this school in 1926 we have had to refuse admission to not less than 1092 candidates, chiefly on account of lack of accommodation.
Applicants who sought for admission here after Summer vacations are not yet included in this figure. In order to meet this pressing demand the Government found it necessary to put up two additional class-rooms on the playground. These two new classes were started in last April when our staff was strengthened by the addition of Mr. Li Nai-wai and Mr. Lau Chui. But we missed a great deal by the retirement of Mr. Lo Hoi-tung at the end of December. The highest enrolment of the year was 253, and average attendance 222.82 as against 191 and 176.45 respectively in 1929.
Matriculation Passes.
Last November we entered all 14 students in our top class for the special Matriculation of the University, and 7 passed or 50 per cent., a rather fortunate percentage in view of the general results of this year. It may be interesting for the public to know that our full course takes seven years to prepare students up to a Chinese standard higher than that required for matriculation, and at the same time up to Junior Local Standard in English, General History, Geography, and Mathematics—all these subjects are both taught and examined in English.
Of our seven Normal students who sat for their final examinations conducted by Government examiners, three are to be awarded teacher's certificates this morning; and two—one obtained a total of over 80 per cent. and one over 65 per cent. respectively—were referred to certain subjects. It is gratifying to observe that every year besides those chosen for Government service, our successful normal students are rapidly offered posts by private vernacular schools. As modern methods of teaching Chinese have been a long-felt need, we are glad of being able

DEATH OF FAMOUS R.A.F. "ACE."

Germans Offered £1,000 for His Capture.

"DARE DEVIL SAMSON."

London, Yesterday.
Air Commodore Charles Runney Samson, C.M.G., D.S.O., former Air Commodore of the Royal Air Force, died suddenly to-day in his forty-eighth year.
Deceased, who led the Royal Air Force flight from Cairo to the Cape in 1927, was known in the Service as "Dare Devil Samson," and "Captain Kettle," owing to his short, rakish beard.
He had a distinguished War service and his provoking prowess up and down the German lines caused the Germans to offer a reward equal to £1,000 for his capture.—Reuter.
Air Commodore Samson was born in Manchester in 1883, his father being a solicitor. He was educated at the R.N. Training College at Greenwich and on the Britannia, entering the Royal Navy as a "Snottie" in 1908. As a Lieutenant he served in Pomorie, Somaliland, (1930) and as a First-Lieut. at Philomet during the operations in the Persian Gulf in 1910. He took a certificate as an air pilot in 1911 and was the first to carry out official experiments with seaplanes, and to make cross-country flights by night. In 1912 he made his first ascent from the deck of a man-of-war while she was steaming.
Air Commodore Samson served throughout the European War in Belgium, France, the Dardanelles, Egypt, and the Red Sea, and was at the siege of Antwerp and the first Battle of Ypres.
He commanded the Brigade of French Territorials at the Battle of Orchies (for which he received a letter of thanks from the French General), and commanded H.M.S. Ben My Chree on the Syrian coast. He was promoted to Wing-Captain in 1918, Lieutenant Colonel in command of a group, R.A.F. in the same year, Group Captain in 1919, and Air Commodore in 1922. He retired in 1929. The deceased was a notable boxer during his youth.]

to supply trained teachers of this type to meet pressing requirements of this Colony.

Physical Exercises.

Besides aiming at a happy combination of vernacular and English education, we pay equal attention to physical exercise. In the interschool competition our Senior Volley Ball Team have turned out Runners-up for three successive years, namely 1928, 1929, and 1930. In last March two of our students were chosen by the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation to participate in the Chinese National Athletic Meet held in Hangchow. There again they gained the title of Runners-up in Volley Ball. Of twenty friendly matches we had during the year, including two with Canton and one with Macao, our Senior Volley Ball Team turned out victorious on eighteen occasions. On October 8 nearly the whole school enjoyed a picnic to Shumchun. The party also had the chance of seeing the Lowu Brick Works where the different processes of brick-making were as interesting to students as a good lesson in our classroom.
Mr. Fung's Generosity.
We are indebted to Mr. Fung Ping-shan for the donation of \$8,000 for the purpose of establishing 6 scholarships of \$90.00 each, which we are going to award to our students the first time this morning, and to the Bank of East Asia for being so generous as to give 6 per cent. interest for this particular donation in spite of the low rate prevailing in the Colony.
We are also grateful to the Pan Hok-tun, at present represented by Mr. Li Hoi-tung and Mr. Li Kwong-chun, for the continuation of their scholarships. When the Government has found itself obliged to raise school fees these generous gifts are most essential to those students who are particularly in need of their help.
On behalf of the school I wish to thank the prize donors for the practical interest they have taken in our institution.
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MARTIAL LAW IN 'QUAKE AREA.

Veronica Stranded in Six Feet of Water.

RELIEF FUND OPENED.

Wellington, Yesterday.
The town of Hastings was badly shaken at 10 to-night. Strict martial law is being enforced by armed pickets to prevent looting. A train conveying serious cases is expected to leave for the south to-morrow morning. A refugee train will depart this afternoon. It is hoped to run the first train to Napier on Saturday. H.M.S. Veronica, which draws 12 feet, is at present stranded in six feet of water at high tide.
Talk with Premier.
London, Yesterday.
The New Zealand High Commissioner, Sir T. M. Wilford, conversed from his Chelsea home over the telephone with the Prime Minister, Mr. G. W. Forbes, via Sydney. Mr. Forbes said he hoped that the list of earthquake casualties, which was confined to Hawkes Bay, County Wairoa, and Napier, would be available to-morrow.
Sir Thomas Wilford has been inundated by messages of sympathy from all over Britain, and has received many unsolicited donations for the relief of sufferers.—Reuter.
Trapped in Debris.
Further quake shocks occurred this afternoon, and impeded rescue work, which has revealed numbers of crushed and mutilated bodies. Occasionally rescuers are rewarded by the release of some unfortunate victim imprisoned since the first dreadful shock. For instance, late in the afternoon two women were rescued alive, and two others have been located alive but still trapped in the debris.
The relief workers have appealed to the railway authorities to provide extra rolling stock so as to accelerate the evacuation of the city.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Forbes, has requested that February 8 be observed in all churches as a day of national mourning.—Reuter.
Casualty List.
Rugby, Yesterday.
The New Zealand High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas Wilford, this morning talked by wireless telephone to the Premier of New Zealand, Mr. G. W. Forbes, in Wellington, 12,000 miles distant. The Premier stated that it is still impossible to give any definite figure of the killed and injured in the earthquake, but in view of the anxiety which Sir Thomas Wilford explained was felt by New Zealanders in Britain, the Premier said an effort would be made to send a casualty list to-morrow.
Replying to a question whether any casualties had occurred in Wanganui, where the High Commissioner's mother resides, in South Island, the Premier said all the casualties were confined to the Napier and Hawkes Bay country.
Situation Taken in Hand.
Other messages from the scene had appealed for all available transport to help in the evacuation of the area, which is proceeding in a rapid and orderly manner. Aeroplanes have taken chlorination plants to Napier to prevent infection through the water.
Although several shocks have been experienced during to-day, rescue parties are continuing to work among the ruins. They are composed of police, volunteers and Naval ratings, and the injured have now practically all been removed from the district or are lying on "vessels" outside the harbour.
Many tributes are paid to the calm and resolute behaviour of the inhabitants overcome by the sudden disaster. There was extraordinarily little panic, and many acts of heroism.—British Wireless Service.
IN BAD COMPANY.
Man Ping-cheung, who was yesterday remanded in the Kowloon Court when charged with four other Chinese on several counts of larceny, was this morning ordered to receive 12 strokes of the birch.
Inspector Lane said that the youth came of respectable parents and, probably, owing to unemployment, he became mixed up with the gang who were responsible for a number of larcenies.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 5th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 12th February, 1931, both days inclu-
sive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1931.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, February 14, to SATURDAY, February 21, 1931 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, February 4, 1931.

**EX - CHANCELLOR
ATTACKED.**

**The Position of
Dr. Wirth.**

Berlin, Dec. 28.
The position of the ex-Chancellor, Dr. Wirth, is attracting much attention. Several Republican papers in the last few days have sharply attacked him for his alleged desertion of his previous staunchly republican principles, as are alleged to be exemplified in his weakened attitude towards the National-Socialist Minister of Interior in Thuringia, his opposition to Herr Remarque's anti-war film and his resignation in this connection with the republic's review.

So far the ex-Chancellor has made no reply to these attacks, but Sunday morning's Nationalist Press takes up the ball thrown by the Democrats. In a leading article the Conservative Boersen Zeitung writes: "These attacks may well be a sentence of death on Dr. Wirth's political career. He may still play a minor part within the Centre Party, but no leading role on the big political stage for while the Left Parties refuse him as no longer sufficiently orthodox in republicanism, his past is far too republican to commend him to the Right Parties."

The Catholic Press, however, defends Dr. Wirth and claims that such attacks are the inevitable unmerited consequence of his loyalty to the policy of a firm hand against the extremists of both sides, which distinguishes the Centre Party and its chief representatives in the Cabinet, Chancellor Brüning and the Minister of Interior, Dr. Wirth.

FOUR CHILDREN KILLED.

Pilot Crashes Plane To Avoid
Others.

Four children were killed and four others injured at Fort Chipewyan, Alberta (500 miles to the north of Edmonton) by the crashing of an aeroplane into a pile of petrol tins, behind which the children were hiding while at play.

The pilot, Captain W. N. Sherlock—who is known as one of the most skillful airmen in the Far North—in a desperate attempt to avoid a number of children who were playing on the ice, crashed his machine into the petrol drums, not knowing that there were other children behind them.

Captain Sherlock and his passengers were unhurt.

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Racing is full of stories of famous mares who have been given away, changed hands for a song, or reprieved after being condemned to be shot as worthless. The average breeder, however, naturally prefers cold facts to possibilities that beat fiction.

The record of past deeds and the appearance of a foal—whose entry will have to be made twelve months hence for the great classic races of 1933—will be the determining factors at the annual sales at Newmarket, writes a Daily Express special correspondent from Newmarket in mail week.

There is keen competition and keener sale prices now between thoroughbred breeders, but that should only serve to show those who gather round the immaculate auctioneer, Mr. Somerville Tattersall, at sale paddocks where real value lies.

Stud Expert.

More than one equine bargain, which will probably be quoted in anecdote many years ahead, is sure to be made as the hammer falls, and the mare and her sensitive, wondering foal are led out of the ring.

Mr. Spire, a stud expert who was long associated with the late Sir Edward Hulton, will recall the record-making Hulton sale when sixteen of Lord Beaverbrook's noted mares and many foals by great sires, whose names have been on the lips of every Turf follower, come up for sale.

They are under his expert charge, and have been holding court at the model Warren Tower Stud, at Cheveley, near Newmarket, where is also that flying mare Tobique who will not come up for sale until the following day.

All the other mares are high in rank in the Turf "Debrett," and it is not inappropriate that Thought Reader will be the first offered, for many breeders and prospective owners only wish they could divine more the lottery of this strange racing game.

Many will have pleasant thoughts of her speedy winner Devachon, and her bay filly foal is by Lord Derby's mud-larking Derby winner Sansovino.

Sansovino's Sister.

Pick of the Bunch, whose racing triumphs were in India, and her filly foal will come next. She may justify her nomenclature, but there are several more costly and classical. Ferry, for instance, won the One Thousand Guineas for Lord Derby, and is an own sister to Sansovino. Her daughter, Buctouche, also a winner, will be sold.

Lord Beaverbrook's colours will be associated more readily with the wins of Nipsitquit—whose bay colt foal is by the great Gainsborough—and Mizzenette.

Catch Crop is an Irish Oaks winner, and there should be keen competition for Madawaska, a daughter of Friar Marcus and Lilaline, for this young mare has a bay colt foal by Blandford, the sire of the last two Derby winners.

Who knows that it may not be a third winner in 1933? That is the lure which keeps the wheel of Turf machinery ever rolling.

WILD WORDS AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg is a long way off, and one has forgotten by this time whether all the speeches delivered there at this year's meeting of the British Medical Association were reported with the fullness that they would undoubtedly deserve. However, if they were not, the omission is now remedied in the case of Sir Farquhar Buzzard's very interesting address on "Rest, work, and play in the British Medical Journal." It is mentioned here because he has a nice little dig at golfers which may do them good to digest as they slither, for yet another damp Saturday-afternoon, over the sodden banks and bracing.

"Take up golf" is in danger of becoming a tabloid preparation, too easily prescribed, readily swallowed, and not always producing the desired results. To many a change from one form of mental work to another is much more recreative than the pursuit of a ball whose flight and destination are of much less interest than those of a moth or a bird.

Yet it would be a bold general practitioner who would advise the hard-bitten golf fiend to go moth-hunting for a change—and, as a matter of fact, there are not many moths abroad at this generally un-encouraging time of the year.

**STABLE BOYS WHO
WERE CANED.**

"Atty" Persse's Watch
Over Apprentices.

KEEPING SECRETS.

London Dec. 9.
Mr. Henry Seymour Persse, the racehorse trainer, of Stockbridge, Hants, stated in the Chancery Division to-day that some of the boys in his stable were caned and that, after alleged leakage of stable secrets, the boys were locked in at night, the doors and windows were barred, and there was a roll call.

Mr. Persse sued Alfred Edward Prebble, a garage proprietor, of Stockbridge, and Cyril Gordon Whiffen, news-agent, of Stockbridge, for an injunction to restrain them from inducing or inciting apprentices to disclose his stable secrets.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C. (for Mr. Persse), said it was alleged that Prebble was a racing tout or tipster, and that Whiffen had obtained from the stable boys information about horses trained by Mr. Persse by improperly questioning them.

Boys of 14 had to be treated almost as school-boys and perhaps, added counsel, these boys suffered the pains and penalties of school-boys.

Mr. Persse determined to find out whether information was going out of the stable, and by arrangement was asked by a friend whether his horse, Empire Builder, was to run in the Cambridgeshire. In a loud voice, so that he could be heard by an employee nearby, Mr. Persse replied, "Yes, but I am not going to back it." Within a few hours, Prebble was circulating his clients that Empire Builder was going to run and was fancied, but that Atty Persse would not back it. The employee concerned was discharged.

Sir Patrick explained that Mr. Persse was known in the racing world as "Atty" Persse.

Corporal Punishment.

Mr. Rayner Goddard, K.C. (who appeared for Whiffen), asked Mr. Persse whether the boys in his stables received severe corporal punishment.

Mr. Persse—No. They are caned as boys at school are caned occasionally.

Did one boy run away because of the flogging he received?—Very likely.

Did he come back?—Yes.

And he got another flogging?—No.

He went away because of the flogging?—You call it flogging. I don't. He was caned.

Mr. Persse denied that one of the boys screamed while being punished or that he could not sit down or lie down afterwards.

Mr. Goddard—You know perfectly well he was flogged unmercifully?

No, I do not.

Did your boys run away?—Frequently.

After caning?—No, they get homesick.

Locked in at Night.

Mr. Persse added that the boys were now locked in at night, the doors and windows were barred, and there was a roll call. He agreed that there was scarcely a stable in Britain where there had not been a certain amount of leakage of information.

Mr. Goddard—And a great many people profess to have information when they have got none whatever.

Mr. Persse—Yes, I have met that class too.

In re-examination, Mr. Persse said he had been training horses for 30 years, and he had found that corporal punishment was necessary in dealing with apprentices. Questioned about how the boys got out of the building after the doors had been locked, Mr. Persse said they took the hinges off the doors.

Mr. Charles Edward Leach, a form inspector of the Criminal Investigation Department, said he made inquiries on Mr. Persse's behalf. Whiffen admitted to him that he had met some of the stable boys at a public-house, and that he had stood them drinks.

INDIAN HOTEL TRAGEDY.

European Proprietor's
Suicide.

Conoor, Dec. 19.

Mr. H. E. Burgess, European proprietor of the Glenview Hotel, dressed in pyjamas, shot himself dead through the neck in his bedroom this morning with a double-barrelled gun.

Deceased was 65 years old and a bachelor.

A verdict of suicide while of un- sound mind was returned at the inquest concerning the death of Burgess.

Overland China Mail.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

This week's OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a wealth of interesting news. The week's sensation has been the preliminary trial, at the Central Magistracy, of Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier, who was charged with shooting at Mr. A. J. Manton on December 27. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes. Mr. P. M. Hodgson, who defended, disclosed his defence. This is fully reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A serious break among the members of the Sze Yap Steamship Company, is indicated by an action which opened before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Supreme Court on February 3. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., is for plaintiffs and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E., is defending. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL contains a full report of the proceedings.

The Legislative Council, on January 29, approved the modification of its resolution of June 19, 1930, of the Salaries Commission. The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL furnishes a detailed account of the discussions.

Mr. Justice P. Jackson, in the Summary Court, gave judgment in favour of Mr. J. M. Xavier, a canvasser, who sued the China Neonite Company, and partners therein, for commissions. The case unfolded the intricacies of sales methods and purchase contracts, which the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL reports fully.

Lt.-Commr. P. N. Walter, R.N., commanding H.M.S. Somme, gave an interesting narrative of his ship's exploits in connection with the frustration of an attempted piracy on a cargo junk off Pedra Blanca, by two other crafts. Twelve men were charged at the Magistracy and committed for trial at the Assizes. A detailed report of the case is contained in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In connection with a Chinese Press censorship case, a solicitor defending the Editor of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, submitted that the regulations were ultra vires. The argument is dealt with in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The OVERLAND CHINA MAIL also contains a full report of two prize distributions, the Ellis Kadoorie School and the Munsang College.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor is described in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL which also contains an interesting account of the British Economic Mission's visit to Hong Kong under Sir Ernest Thompson, Kt.

All the sports in season—Rugby, football, cricket, Association football and hockey are fully reported by experts in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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Seven hundred men cheered the Prince of Wales after he had shown the film of his African tour, at a meeting of the Kennington and North Lambeth branch of the Post-War Brotherhood, at the Ideal Cinema, Lambeth Road, S.E.

Many of the men, who sat thrilled for an hour and a half while the picture was showing, were the Prince's tenants on his Duchy of Cornwall estates.

Before the lights were lowered the Prince appeared on the platform and pointed out that the film was an amateur's effort.

Short Captions.

"You will find that the captions are very short," he said amidst great laughter, "and not like those in an ordinary cinema, where you look at it, then turn to your friend and have a chat, and read it once again before it goes off."

"I hope you will enjoy seeing it as much as I enjoyed taking it," he

said. The Prince then left the platform and went up to the gallery, where he personally directed the screening of the film. Throughout the whole time he sat by the side of the special cinematograph projector that had been installed at the front of the balcony.

Whenever a particular part of the film was applauded the Prince turned to the men who sat beside him and told them of the difficulties he had in taking the "shots."

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KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Honolulu Maru	Thurs.	19th Feb.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Panama Maru	Tues.	3rd Mar.
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CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Celebes Maru	Wed.	19th Feb.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Araba Maru (from Shanghai)	Sat.	21st Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Sanyo Maru	Fri.	6th Feb.
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KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Delit Maru	Thurs.	12th Feb.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).			

OSAKA SHOEN KAISHA.

THE SAILOR'S KNOT.

The announcement by the Admiralty of the issue of a black silk tie of superior quality for the men of the Navy is a reminder that for many generations a black silk handkerchief or tie has been a distinguishing feature of the sailor's uniform. It has been said that it was introduced as a memorial for Nelson, but actually there is evidence to show that it was in use in the latter part of the eighteenth century. At one time the black silk handkerchief, folded diagonally, served to protect the backs of the men's jackets from the rubbing of the pig-tail. At Nelson's funeral the men split their handkerchiefs in two and wore one half as a mourning band on their arms. In modern times the proportion of men dressed as seamen has tended to decline, but a narrow black silk tie has continued in use for those dressed in what is called the fore-and-aft rig—that is, with jackets and peaked caps, and it must be "tied in a sailor's knot for all occasions." The issuing price of the new tie is 2s.

AENEAS COLLISION.

JAPANESE CLAIM AGAINST BLUE FUNNEL CO.

A controversy is now going on between the Ocean Steamship Company and Matsura Shokai, a Japanese firm at Dairen, over the collision that took place off the Shantung Promontory on July 14 of last year between the freighter, Aeneas, 10,050 tons, belonging to the Ocean Steamship Company, whose agents are Butterfield and Swire, and another freighter, Kohatsu Maru, 1,700 tons, belonging to the Matsura Co. Mr. O. Okamoto, barrister-at-law, who is a counsel for the Ocean Steamship Company, said that the collision resulted in the sinking of the freighter, Kohatsu Maru together with her cargo consisting of 2,500 tons of salt and also in the death of one of her 45 sailors, who were rescued upon the sinking of the freighter. Her owners, Matsura Co., who hold the S. S. Aeneas responsible for the collision have instituted a lawsuit at the local court at Dairen against the Ocean Steamship Company, demanding a redress amounting to Yen 133,000, and when the Aeneas entered the Port of Dairen on December 1, petitioned to the local court there to enforce her provisional seizure with the object of selling her at auction. Thereupon, Mr. Okamoto, at the request of the Ocean Steamship Company, proceeded to Dairen and succeeded in getting the freighter released after prevailing upon the Dairen Branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to stand security for the freighter. As a result, the Aeneas left Dairen on the 5th. Examination of this case is thus under progress at the Dairen Court and a preliminary hearing of the case will be opened in the Spring at Dairen.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Be-ick—No. 6 buoy.
Bridgewater—No. 12 buoy.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—South wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Kent—North Arm.
Marathon—No. 13 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Moth—East wall.
Odin—No. 2 buoy.
Ostris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
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HIGHLAND HOPE WRECK.

Women Passengers' Terrible Time.

The terrible experiences of some of the women passengers in the wrecked Nelson, liner Highland Hope, which ran ashore on the rocks of Farilhoes, on the Portuguese coast, are described in a letter received from Mr. F. S. Hayburn, deputy managing director of the Marconi International Marine Communication Company, Ltd., who, with his wife and daughter, was a passenger on board the ship.

Drama in Fog.

"The ship struck the rocks in fog and immediately commenced lurching," he writes. "Passengers were ordered to their boat stations women and children first, of course. My wife and daughter were allotted to No. 9 lifeboat, and I was ordered to join it as an oarsman. When the lifeboat was being lowered a lurch caused it to tilt, throwing several people into the sea. My wife saved one passenger and Fireman Pike saved another. I cannot say what happened to the others."

"On the return lurch the lifeboat righted with a crash against the Highland Hope and was damaged. The lowering of the lifeboat was then completed, but it immediately filled with water to the gunwale, causing great alarm. Some male emigrants immediately deserted the waterlogged lifeboat and swam to others or climbed the ropes back to the Highland Hope.

Wailing Women.

"Only Fireman Pike, a steward, the carpenter and myself were left to calm the wailing and praying women, one of whom had lost her baby."

"For over an hour we were sitting in water up to our hips struggling to keep the lifeboat away from the wash of the screws. Eventually we saw the flare of a fishing boat, and attracted attention by lighting bundles of matches."

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, February 4.
Philoctetes, British str., 7,176 tons, Capt. J. Ramsay, from Yokohama, buoy No. A3—B. & S.
Yei Maru, Japanese str., 1,849 tons, Capt. K. Izumi, from Kamfa, Yaumati Anchorage—Hidaka & Co.

Thursday, February 5.
Canton, French str., 3,76 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. C5—M. M.

Chakrang, British str., 1,470 tons, Capt. J. McAlister, from Canton, buoy No. B1—J. M. & Co.

Chinhua, British str., 1,553 tons, Capt. E. H. Histed, from Canton, buoy No. B9—B. & S.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,145 tons, Capt. P. Davidson, from Holhow, buoy No. B19—Jensen & Co.

Fooshing, British str., 1,423 tons, Capt. D. S. Pethick, from Swatow, West Point Wharf—J. M. & Co.

Hong Peng, British str., 2,525 tons, Capt. H. S. Hay, from Amoy, Kowloon Wharf—Ho Thong & Co.

Kidderpore, British str., 3,267 tons, Capt. S. Y. Woodroff, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9—M. M. & Co.

Kwelyang, British str., 1,589 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Holhow, buoy No. B3—B. & S.

La Plata Maru, Japanese str., 4,389 tons, Capt. M. Yajima, from Kobe, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Machao, British str., 4,900 tons, Capt. W. Slater, from Manila, Holfa Wharf—B. & S.

Madras Maru, Japanese str., 2,298 tons, Capt. S. Ama, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.

Niaghal, British str., 1,482 tons, Capt. Y. N. Campbell, from Canton, buoy No. B21—B. & S.

Shin Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Capt. Hasebe, from Milke, buoy No. C25—M.B.K.

Shun Chih, Chinese str., 1,291 tons, Capt. T. Thorbjornsen, from Saigon, buoy No. C8—Chang Tong Ha.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. C. E. Fisher, from Swatow, buoy No. A5—B. & S.

Tainan, British str., 2,100 tons,

DENMARK'S FLEET.

TO BUILD A STATE TRAINING SHIP.

For some time past a desire has been expressed in Danish shipping circles that a training ship should be built for the education of young Danish seamen, says the Journal of Commerce. It was, however, felt that this was a matter for the Government to take in hand, as it concerned the country as a whole, and that consequently the Government should be the owner of the vessel.

The matter has accordingly now been taken up by the Ministry of Marine, and a meeting was recently held at the Ministry, with the result that it was decided to approve of the plan submitted by a committee to the Ministry for the building and running of a State training-ship.

It was further decided that the board of management should consist of representatives from both owners' and seamen's organisations, and that this board should co-operate with the Ministry, but otherwise have a free hand in the management of the ship. The money will be provided by Government, and the vessel will be a full-rigged sailing ship with auxiliary motor with about 200 horse power. There will be accommodation for about 100 pupils. It is not intended to make the vessel a cargo ship, so that it will be possible to arrange accommodation in the 'tween decks. The cruises will extend over 10 months, i.e., during the winter in the south, and in the summer in home waters.

MOTOR SHIPBUILDING RESULTS.

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A further examination of the industry shows how much success in ship building and marine engineering, such as it has been, is dependent upon the oil-engined ship. In Britain the yards with the largest number of orders in hand are almost wholly occupied with the construction of motor tonnage. The engine works that are fully occupied are building Diesel machinery, whilst most steam turbine and reciprocating steam-engine factories are poorly supplied with orders. Extensions have just been completed at three of the largest Diesel engine factories in Europe, whilst at a fourth a large expenditure is to be made in the immediate future. There has been little suggestion for a long while past of any such development in connection with steam machinery.

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A NEAR THING.

ARREST ON STEAMER IN BANGKOK RIVER.

A fast motor-launch was used by the Chakraward police to catch the Kwelyang on Tuesday night, says the Bangkok Times of January 2. That ship left at three p.m. of the same day. Fortunately the vessel could not get over the bar, and the tiny launch was able to get to it while it was still waiting for the tide, the police on Wednesday. A thorough search was made and a Khao Chinese was taken into custody and brought back to Bangkok to answer a charge of cheating and forging a letter. He is alleged to have presented a letter purporting to be from a Chinese firm in Phnom Penh directing the Chakraward Store in Bangkok to advance a sum of Rs. 1,500 to the man and also a consignment of silk valued at Rs. 1,500. As the two firms have

been dealing with one another for a long time the manager advanced the amount asked for but the delivery of the silk was not yet effected when he telegraphed the Phnom Penh firm of his action. A reply wire was soon received denying that a letter containing such an order had been sent by the firm in Phnom Penh. The Bangkok firm reported the matter to the police, who just managed to capture the wanted man in the nick of time.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The B.I. s.s. Tama left Amoy for this port on February 5, p.m., and is due here on February 6, p.m. The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Shanghai on February 5 (Thurs.) at 1 p.m. left Shanghai on February 6 (Fri.) at 10.30 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on February 8 (Sun.) at 7 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong on February 8 (Sun.) at 8 p.m.

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S.S.	Tons.	From Hong Kong About	Destination.
		1931.	
*KIDDERPORE	5,334	6th Feb. 2 p.m.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
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MALWA	10,980	28th Feb.	Marcellies & London.
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KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marcellies, London, Hull, Hamburg Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marcellies, London, Hull, Hamburg Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marcellies & London.
*KARNALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp
RAJPUTANA	16,568	25th Apr.	Marcellies & London.
*SODUAN	—	2nd May	Marcellies, London, Hull, Hamburg Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	M'selles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	15,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*KARNALA	9,128	20th Aug.	Marcellies & London.
*KATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marcellies & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	28th Sept.	Marcellies & London.

1931.			
TALMA	10,000	7th Feb. 3 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKADA	6,949	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	19th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	2nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

	1931	
TANDA	6,953	28th Feb.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Apr.
MELBORE	6,953	1st May

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TAKADA		1931.	
	6,949	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osakan.
	5,114	14th Feb. 7 a.m.	
KHYBER		20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI		20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	25th Feb.	Amoy, 'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,501	6th Mar.	'Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
ALBANS	7,754	11th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOU'DAN		19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TALMA	10,000	24th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAJPUTANA	16,586	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	8,853	6th Apr.	'Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, 'Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
ALBANS	7,754	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	'Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALAMBA	8,018	12th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
EASGAR	9,006	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ALBANS	7,754	5th June	'Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	8,853	6th July	'Shai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	15,588	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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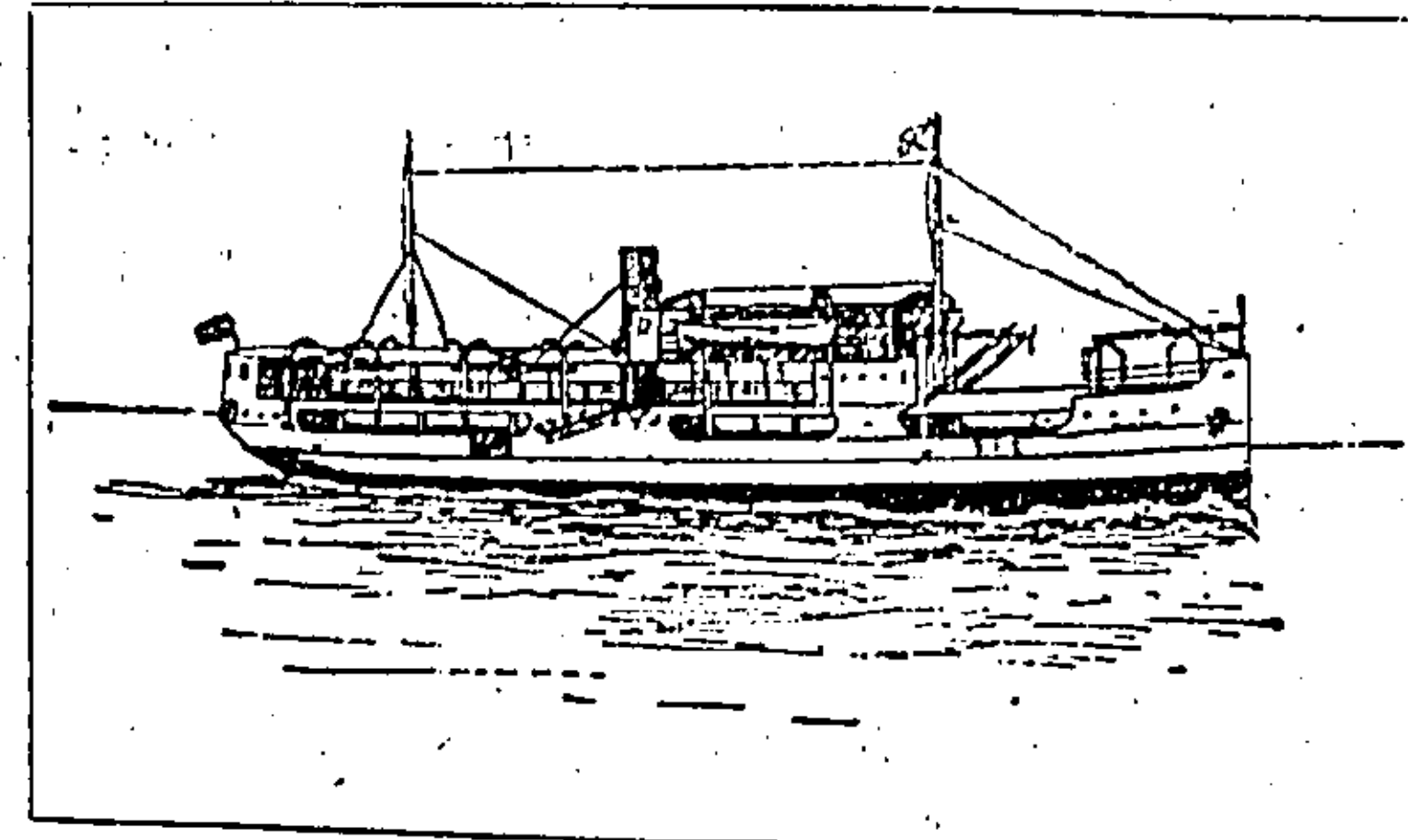
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of allowing boys to borrow even if from an examination. In addition attempts to try and improve the knowledge of the Chinese language.

A new series has been introduced—the New Prof. West of Universities. It is introduced into School 2 or 3, then have been number of scholars. They are Readers for the Chinese yet deservedly the teacher and the Vice-Chancellor of Str William Hall aware of the introduction.

A Gestetner died during the last year, and the school lost out one for so long.

Changes

There were in the Staff during this reason much work. I will not mention the various arrivals. In March, Mr. Master, went to Kadoorie School. Mr. Kay, Sec transferred as Ellis Kadoorie side becoming the end of May transferred as Yaumati School short space of 3 months senior most senior Queen's, dating from the last days, made the liar with the re-



"You have ten commands for your name?"

"Moses, ma'am"

a school of this. Those of us who had been from Queen's less out of touch. In the Lower class, Class 4, the teachers or mistresses the year. The much sickness amounting in about the full teacher. Owing there was a re-shuffling of Matriculation Classes, and of the dislocation this is reflected in results, for it there must be part of the master takes hope we shall conditions this of staff.

heard that decided not Hong Kong. Particular, and Colony in great loss by Crook. He with Queen throughout lengthy care about 27 years long be memory cherished by his colleagues through his him very much tirement with the year Mr. R. H. Griffiths Home and I of useful service.

Here perhaps the masters nature have form which tables—editorial magazine, supplying of literature and frequent Sports and sides.

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BIGGER PROFITS.

The first sentence of an article
tells the average man whether
the rest of it will interest him.
If he reads the next sentence it is
likely that he will finish the
article. It is the same with an
advertisement. Some striking
quality attracts you and you take
the trouble to find out what it is.

The advertiser has succeeded
in gaining your attention and
interesting you in his wares just
as much as the orator on a plat-
form gains the ears of his audi-
ence. Any advertisement which
fails to achieve this end is an ex-
pensive luxury, and, perhaps,
unmitigated waste of money.

In this Colony advertising has
been backward rather than other-
wise in the past, but there are
signs around us of an awakening
among local business men to the
vital need of judicious advertis-
ing as a foremost part of their
sales policy.

The newspapers have no reason
to complain, for they have
had their meed of advertisements
which, it may be said to the
credit and foresight of local
firms, have not been allowed to
suffer because the dollar has drop-
ped in value.

Some firms have been so wor-
ried by increased overhead costs
which have followed the rate of
exchange that they have, unwise-
ly we think, decided to make con-
siderable cuts in their advertising
accounts. This appears to be a
most short-sighted policy.

The time to go after business is when
one needs it most, and the time
to advertise is when trade is be-
low the normal level of prosperity.

To-day advertising plays as
large a part in the operation of a
business as salesmanship, and
even the most conservative of
firms are bound to acknowledge
its value. Gone are the times
when to advertise one's goods in
the Press and in magazines was
considered, if not vulgar, then at
least a wanton piece of facetious-
ness.

The biggest and most prosper-
ous concerns to-day are nearly al-
ways the keenest advertisers; for
the initiative and perspicacity
which gave them their positions
tell them that to rely upon a
"name" without constantly bring-
ing it before the public is the best
way to make it forgotten.

If firms of the importance of
Harrods, Selfridges, and the
Army and Navy Stores at Home,
to mention three only, appreciate
the significance of publicity, it
will surely be realised by small
and comparatively unknown firms
that they are compelled to adver-
tise if they wish to do any busi-
ness at all.

Advertisement is the small
man's only weapon of defence in
the keen and ever-growing war of
trade competition, and if he is
alive to the possibilities of his
business and looks to the future,
it may become his weapon of at-
tack, too.

In Hong Kong we have, concen-
trated in a small area, a tremen-
dous amount of competition be-
tween the agents of British and
foreign manufacturers; yet the
amount of advertising which is
done here is altogether out of pro-
portion to the needs. Perhaps
this is due to a false sense of
economy, aggravated by the gen-
eral trade depression and the de-
mands of harassed shareholders;
there may be other and more
excusable reasons. Whatever the
cause, it is plainly a detrimental
course to follow, and one is bound
to feel that the firms who have not
reduced their advertising, being
fully aware of its relation to their
sales, deserve every whit of the
increased business they may do,
even if it means taking profits
from less enterprising concerns.

The point that should be re-
membered by business men, as
Mr. H. J. Millington emphasised
in his address in the Hotel Cecil
last week, is that advertising is an
art, or at least a science, and
that advertisements which fail to
achieve their purpose are no
better than no advertisement at
all.

The time has come when the
specialist must be consulted, for
he knows, or should know, ex-
actly what it is that the advertiser
wants known and what the public

is likely to be interested in. The
secret is not in making the public
buy what it does not really need,
as Americans aver, but in advising
it of the best and most reliable of
what it does need.

News in Brief.

Whilst working a machine in the
Hong Kong Rope Factory yester-
day, Tang Yee-ko (17), of 1, Ho
Wo Street, injured his right thumb,
and was sent to the Government
Civil Hospital for treatment.

Suffering from internal injuries
caused by a winch whilst at work in
the Yue Wo boat yard, a Chinese,
Chan Pak-wan (31), and living at
131 Main Street, Apichau, died in
the Government Civil Hospital
last night.

"I was taught to steal by a
pedestrian" said a Chinese youth
when charged before Mr. Williams
this morning with the theft of two
packets of cigarettes from a shop in
Gilman Street. His Worship
ordered accused to receive ten
strokes of the cane.

The annual prize distribution of
the Diocesan Girls' School will be
held in the school premises at 2.30
p.m. to-morrow when Sir William
Hornell, Kt., C.I.E., M.A., will give
away the prizes. Weather per-
mitting, the prize-giving will be fol-
lowed by a sports programme in the
school playground.

A fine of \$2,500 with the alterna-
tive of four months' hard labour
was imposed by Mr. E. H. Williams
at the Central Magistracy this
morning, on each of two women, on
an opium charge. It was stated
that the accused were "professional
smuggling jackets," in which they
concealed the opium.

Having the appearance of a men-
dicant, an unknown Chinese man,
aged about 50 years, was
yesterday removed to the Kow-
loon Hospital, apparently suffer-
ing from the effects of
a fall. The Police found him in
an unconscious condition at the
junction of Shanghai Street and
Bowling Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

POPSY POPPED!

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]
My dear,—I think Syncope per-
fectly horrid when I'm trying to be
helpful and I'm always ready to ad-
mit when I'm wrong. For instance,
Tubby says that I was too absolute-
ly erroneous about the currants. I
He says it isn't that sort of thing
at all and its no good trying to
explain to a girl because its all
mixed up with Buy-Medalsm—but
I say why not, my dear, if anyone
wants to buy them now's the time
while silver's cheap and poor Sir
William might make pots of money
out of them.

Tubby says the trouble is that
everyone is trying to turn silver
into gold, but that's what the old
Anarchists tried to do and couldn't.
He says that when I send to Lon-
don for a frock the banker gives
him a draft on Stirling but that's
too silly because there are lots of
places nearer London and anyhow
if the banker gives him the draft
why does he swear when I want a
new frock.

Last night Maud and Angus
dined with us—quite a gathering of
the indigentia, as Angus said.
Tubby said that what we want is
vigorous entrenchment and Angus
says he knows where just the sort
of trenches for the civil servants
are and that's Happy Valley and he
says poor Sir William ought to have
them all to dinner and poison them
like the Boerzels used to do when
people turned nasty.

And, my dear, they think that's a
lovely idea about making the civil
servants work at night on the
census. Angus says the whole
trend of modern philanthropy is
to make people work for longer
hours and less pay, but that nothing
will come of it because there'll be
such a rush of Volunteers from the
General Public now no one has any
business to do. Tubby says it
wouldn't be a bad idea always to
make them work at nights and then
they could sleep in their offices all
day just like they do now and the
Government could make ever so
much money by letting their houses
Angus suggested that half the
trouble is the P.W.D. Recurring,
but when Bonzo had the mange and
the Vet. said that that might recur
I gave him a powder and he broke
his chain and we've never seen him
since. Couldn't they give the
D.P.W. one? You can get them at
Watsons.

Yours helpfully,

Hong Kong, February 5.

DUDLEY'S COME-BACK.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Popsy.—You are a persis-
tent little devil. Everybody is
talking about you. At least all
who really count, you know. One
person wants to know if "Macabre"
is Angus' surname. Also, he

thought "hors de combat" meant
cavalry. Dreadful! Last night, of
course, I explained that "hors de
combat" were little snacks usually
served up with cocktails and as
"macabre" did sound a bit
Aberdonical, I said it prob-
ably was the family name.
I hope I'm right, old thing. Tubby
is a dear, but don't you think he
should be a little more explicit. I
cant imagine Sir William worrying
much about "currants". You see
their source is difficult to under-
stand—and there are still more in
the shop—so why should he worry?
Besides, if his "currant" market
should go phut, he can always live
on "sterling pie." Julia suggests
that all the taxpayers should band
together and agree to pay only one
half of the taxes imposed and tell
the government that all the money
they can get this month. She
says, its just the same as running
a household. But Julia is too
practical you know. When I told
her we would all be put in jail, she
reminded me that there was a
serious shortage of jails in the
Colony, and besides they wouldn't
be able to build that new one
That was final, as Julia brooks no
argument.

I think Julia and Tubby have a
nasty habit of hitting the nail on
the head. Well, that's that, Popsy
dear. The wag says, that "salts of
lemon" is a good stain remover, but
I dont know. I suppose he thinks
he is funny. Best chin chins
to all.

Yours,

DUDLEY.

Hong Kong, February 6.

MORE QUESTIONS.

[To the Editor of "China Mail."]
Sir,—No answer to my question!
The Colony has been declared
insolvent and presumably the
Legislative Council faced the con-
sequences of that declaration.

May I enquire further?
Have the members of the Legisla-
tive Council placed their resigna-
tion in the hands of the Governor?
Is the Secretary of State appoint-
ing the equivalent of a Trustee in
Bankruptcy?

Will there be a Public examina-
tion?
My suggestions are based on
analogy not precedent as I cannot
find in the British Empire any pre-
cedent for the Government arrang-
ing a composition with its creditors
though I believe Charles I got into
difficulties and Stephen and John
are strongly suspect.

Yours, etc.,
**CALL A SPADE A SPADE
AND INSOLVENCY BANKRUPTCY.**
Hong Kong, February 5.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Staff Thanked.

Before I conclude I should take
this opportunity of thanking my
staff for their right spirit of show-
ing cheerfulness and perseverance
in working under unfavourable
surroundings. The disturbing
noise we are subject to every
moment makes one appreciate more
genuinely Sterne's letter on
Solitude being the best Nurse of
Wisdom, but as a member of the
staff puts it:—

Oh! for those peaceful

Academic groves

Where, midst breathless

silence, Plato taught

These truths sublime by

Socrates first told!

The spell-bound listeners

struck with awe

In rapt attention hear. No

motor shrill,

No screeching horn the charm-

ed ear disturb.

The Sage's words alone the

impressive stillness break—

Not so, alas! in noisy Sai Ying

Pun,

Where motor, bus, and lorry

loud, incessant rumble by;

And teachers' words are

drowned in crackers' din!

Mr. Fung's Address.

After distributing the prizes Mr.

Fung Ping-shan addressed the

gathering in Chinese. The English

translation of his speech is as

under:—

To-day is the prize-giving day of

the Government Vernacular Middle

School; and I feel greatly honoured

to give away the prizes here at the

request of Mr. Li King-hong, the

head master. As I am not an

educationalist, I might not be in

the position to give any opinion of

myself concerning this school.

However, I feel that, as I am one of

the founders of this institution, I

may perhaps make a few remarks.

A general survey of the schools

in the Colony reveals at once that

too much stress has been laid upon

the study of English, while that of

Chinese is lamentably ignored.

From among the hundreds of stu-

dents who sat for the Matricu-

lation and Junior Local Examina-

tions of 1930, only one gained dis-

tinction in Chinese, while those

gaining distinction in other sub-

jects are numerous. This is a suf-

ficient proof that students in Hong

Kong are over-emphasising Western

studies.

"Blind To The Truth."

They are unfortunately blind to

the truth that Chinese studies are

the source of our civilisation as

well as our culture. And, in fact,
in all the civilised countries of the
world, all the people will count
their own culture as the very foun-
dation. Moreover, where culture
exists, formation of character
exists as well. If, therefore, we
can chain up Eastern and Western
cultures, we shall be good elements
not only in the local community but
also in the world at large.

In referring to the value of
Chinese literature, Father Mac-
donnell, speaking before the Hong
Kong Branch of the English Asso-
ciation, well said, "The more we
strengthen the bonds that really
bind us the better for the world.
The more the literatures of East
and West are made accessible to the
whole world, the more strong shall
we find to be our mutual sympa-

thies."

Results Gratifying.
This school has been opened for
five years, and the results of each
year have proved highly gratify-
ing. Of the eight successful can-
didates of the Entrance Examina-
tion of the University School of
Chinese Studies, seven are students
of this school. This splendid re-
sult is undoubtedly due to the effort
of Mr. Li, the head-master, and his
staff.

I sincerely hope that those who
receive prizes this morning will not
content themselves with just so
much, but that they will go a step
further, aiming always at preserv-
ing Chinese culture in order to pre-
serve the moral standard of our fel-
low-countrymen.

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kan, Chan Sai-chuk.
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Class M. II, Tsang Nai-cheung.
Class M. I, Tso Chung-chiu.

Class Prizes.
Class M. IV, 1 (Annual Examina-
tion), Chan Sai-chuk; 2 (Annual
Examination), Cheung Shiu-woon; 3
(Annual Examination), Lai Man-yiu.
Class M. III, 1 (Terminal Examina-
tion), Lai Man-yiu.
Class M. III, 1 (Annual Examina-
tion), Li Wai-cheung; 2 (Annual
Examination), Chow Hong-kei; 3
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H. P. 3.—Chan Pat-hei; H. P. 2A.—Lai
Nang-hei; H. P. 2B.—Leung Suk-min;
H. P. 1A.—Wong Yam-chi; H. P. 1B.—
Wong Chi-kin.

Education N. II.—Yang Kwok-hei;
N. I.—Lau Hing-cheuk.
Painting (for whole school) 1, Wai
Po-yam; 2, Fong Sau-woon.

Sport Prizes.

Volley Ball (Senior Runners-up)—

Chau Hung-kei, Au Ying-luen, Lo

Pak-ming, Cheung Sau-pang, Ng

Cheuk-lau, Au Ying-chuen, Lo Hong-

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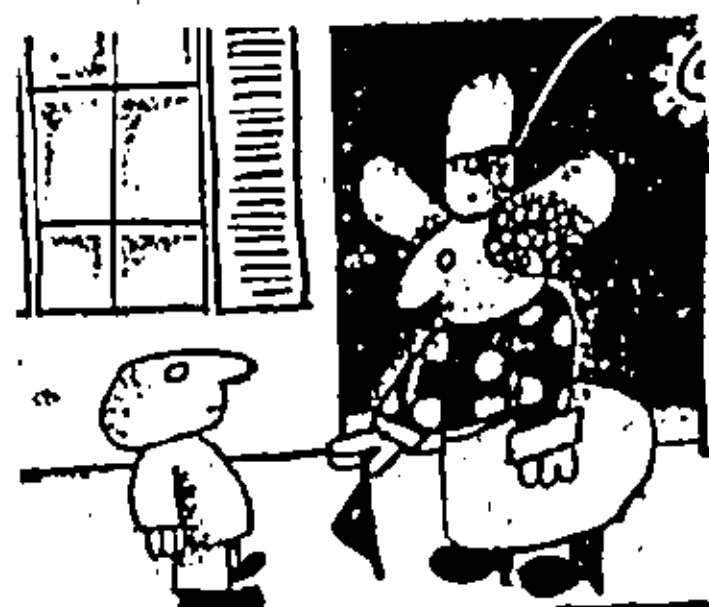
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Forcing The Pace.

I have no hesitation in saying that in putting boys in for Matriculation after 3 years in the Senior School we are unduly forcing the pace. After 2 years they take the Junior Local Examination; most of these boys are ill-prepared, they rarely cover more than 1/2 to 3/4 of the syllabus, and have no time for discussion or revision or general reading, but one hard grind at examination subjects from 9-4. Very few survive even the Junior Local Examination, and, with about seven months actual work we have to put them in for Matriculation. The Matriculation and Junior Local Examinations begin about the middle of November and it is towards the middle of January when we get the results of the latter examination. We cannot form our new Matriculation classes until the results are out—boys of course will not buy their books; hence, deducting holidays, there remain only about 7 months work in school. There is much to be said for the point of view recently raised by a correspondent to the newspapers that these examinations take place in July. I am not simply repeating what Mr. Crook urged at our previous Prize Distribution. Eight or nine years ago I had charge of these classes myself at Queen's College and I know from experience that most of our pupils are not ready to be presented and I am supported in this statement by all my masters. No wonder the complaint is about half-baked students, no wonder the University complains about the quality of its first year undergraduates. Foundations are badly laid, the boys are hurried on too quickly and the result is a mental muddle.

Too Much Cramping.

The flowering stage has been achieved before the roots and leaves have developed sufficiently to bear the fruit and our young plants, raised from seed which has fallen on stony ground, are prematurely withered away—in other words they are crammed. For this reason I welcome the suggestion that the Matriculation Examination be replaced by a School Leaving Certificate Examination (S.L.C.), but the change should not be a mere change in name only; the whole character of the examination should be changed. It should be

entirely divorced from the Matriculation Examination, it should be based on the work we actually do in school and should be a record of a good general education, a standard of all-round general efficiency, as would cause it to be regarded of the highest value by Government and employers. The Matriculation examination is unsuitable as a School Leaving Examination: it specialises in 6 subjects only, whereas the School Leaving Certificate should be compulsory in what I regard as the 7 basic subjects of a good general education, viz. English, Chinese, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History and Geography, and a pass mark should be required in each of these.

Breadth Of Knowledge.

Breadth of knowledge in school boys should not be sacrificed to the mastery of a few subjects. Certain subjects should not be left out so that others may be gone into more deeply: that is the function of a University not a school. All the subjects I have mentioned are essential constituents of a sound education and the School Leaving Certificate should not be able to be gained unless the candidate reaches a certain standard in all these subjects. Hence the present Matriculation syllabus must be ruthlessly pruned to serve as a School Leaving Certificate syllabus: the standard of attainment expected may be put intermediate between the present Junior Local Examination and Matriculation. The School Leaving Certificate should reflect the work we do in school and should be such that the boy of average intelligence, after three years in the Upper School, has a good chance of passing. The brighter boys would pass with Honours, Distinctions or Credits, and those who wished to enter the University could proceed to Matriculation in the five special subjects a few months later. But this of course is a matter entirely for the University authorities. Only about 10 per cent of the boys who enter the Upper School of this College manage to gain the present School Leaving Certificate, i.e. Matriculation—an examination conducted independently of the College masters. I consider this as very unsatisfactory. I have attempted to diagnose the cause and at the same time apply a remedy. With the establishment of a School Leaving Certificate Examination I should like to see the Junior Local Examination dispensed with. At the end of the second year the school themselves could determine which pupils were fit for promotion to Class 1 and consequently to sit for the School Leaving Certificate at the end of the 3rd year.

Keen Competition.

Class 4 is the top class in our Lower School and in Government District Schools. The annual examination of this class for admission to Class 3 is controlled by the Education Office. There is tremendous competition for the few remaining vacancies after boys from the Government District Schools have been admitted. I am glad to say that it is proposed to throw this examination open to the whole colony and not confine it to boys of Government Schools. Too many boys now manage to get through this examination: at this stage there should be a careful weeding out and only those boys allowed to pass who are likely to benefit by a higher education. Many of the boys who now enter Class 3 make very little progress: there seems to be a definite limit to their further educability. For many years there has been great wastage in Class 3: last year there were 138 on the Roll divided into 7 sections. Fifty left during the year and of the remainder only 84 passed into Class 2, that is 42 per cent, and of these the presumption is from past years that at least 50 per cent will fail in the Junior Local Examination at the end of this year. Only about 20 per cent of those therefore who enter the Upper School proceed to Matriculation. The rest have either left or failed. The boys who are admitted to the Upper School should be so selected that there is a strong probability of their passing the School Leaving Certificate 3 years later.

A Waste Of Time.

It is worse than useless for boys who are not fitted for advanced work, or for boys who are not going to pursue them for a considerable time, to begin these secondary subjects: once admitted they will stay the full course. I do not wish to deprive any boy of the benefits of a good education, but by the time Class 4 is reached we have a shrewd idea of those who will profit, and of those who will not profit by advanced instruction: to go on with the latter is, I venture to say, educationally unsound. I think the futility of numbers is at the bottom of the trouble and we were warned against this in this hall by Lord Lugard in 1911. Those boys who do not respond to an English education beyond a certain point

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8 p.m.
To-morrow—Bachelors' Dance, Craigengower Cricket Club.
Sunday—Bellios Old Girls' Association "At Home," 4 p.m.
Monday—Special Dance, Cheero Club, City Hall.
February 18—Dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's, 8 p.m.
February 21—Interport dinner, Peninsula Hotel roof garden, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"Men of the North."
To-day—Central Theatre.
"The River of Romance."
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"Glorifying the American Girl."
To-day—World Theatre.
"Conquering Beauty."
To-day—Star Theatre.
"The Last Warning."

Home Mails.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Antenor); via Siberia (President Filmore); Outward from Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Sawa Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Sports.
See Diary on page 12.
Meetings.
February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Office 12.30 p.m.
February 12—Annual meeting of "Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.
March 5—One hundred and eleventh meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day to Sunday—Sixth annual handiwork exhibition of Yauk Chi School, 491-493, Nathan Road, Kowloon.
To-morrow—Diocesan Girls' School prize distribution, 2.30 p.m.; St. Paul's College, 7.30 p.m.
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February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.
February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

Lammerts Auction.
To-morrow—One Remington typewriter, steel filing cabinet, and duplicator, Auction Room, noon.

Age Limit Question.
Again I see no reason why the age limit for our lowest class, Class 8, should not be lowered from 12 to 11 or even 10. At the latter age the great majority of the new comers are able to pass the entrance examination in Chinese and they are invariably brighter and more intelligent than those of twelve. It is these older boys who eventually clog the system, and it were better not to admit them at all by lowering the age limit. There are plenty of private schools only too willing to deal with this post-adolescent type, and capable of giving them the smattering of English that they are capable of acquiring. Sir Mathew Nathan in 1906, speaking here on Prize Day, was very emphatic on this point. He was struck when going round the school previously to note that the small boys were much better than the bigger boys in the same class and he impressed on Chinese parents the importance of beginning the education of their children, both in English and Chinese, at an early age. "Seven years" he said "is none too young for making a start."

Boy Scouts.
The 12th Troop of Hong Kong Boy Scouts (attached to Queen's College) was restarted in May under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Ashton Hill of the University. We are strong enough to run two patrols.

The activities of the Queen's College branch of the Y.M.C.A. have increased greatly during the year and they now undertake much important extra-mural work. They are in charge of the large basement tables, chess boards, English and Chinese libraries, reading tables with a plentiful supply of English and Chinese periodicals. The place

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE 6TH ANNUAL HANDIWORK EXHIBITION of the Yauk Chi Boys' & Girls' School will be held at their School Buildings, 491-493, Nathan Road, all floors, opening daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. from FRIDAY, 6th to SUNDAY, 8th instant (inclusive). The Exhibition will comprise Needlework, Embroidery, Paintings in Western and Chinese Styles, and Work of Plaster, Bamboo, Wax and Cardboard. Inspection cordially invited.

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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 13th to FRIDAY, the 27th February, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
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Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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is invariably crowded with boys. They have organised tournaments, competitions and walking picnics. For a month during the Midsummer holidays a group of these boys, assisted by girls from the Bellios Public School, ran a daily school here in our covered playground for the poor children in the vicinity of the College. The hours were 9-1 of the College. The hours were 9-1 and the average daily attendance was 112, and many applicants had to be refused admission. It was a most interesting experiment: the subjects taken were Chinese, Bible, Arithmetic, General Knowledge, Songs, Handwork and Games, and the display of handwork in this hall at the end was a great credit to Li Ching-ku, one of our own pupils, and his staff of co-workers.

Games.
The usual Inter-Class games have been held. We won the Junior Volley Ball League open to schools in Hong Kong. Walking and bathing picnics were held: we visited the reservoirs, sailed round the harbour in launches and trips were made on the Kowloon Canton Railway by the whole school. Cricket has taken on a new lease of life under the captaincy of Archie Hunt.

The Yellow Dragon, has appeared regularly throughout the year and I thank Mr. Morgan for his able services in this direction. On the advice and with the approval of all who have been intimately connected with it during the last few years, (Continued on Page 9.)

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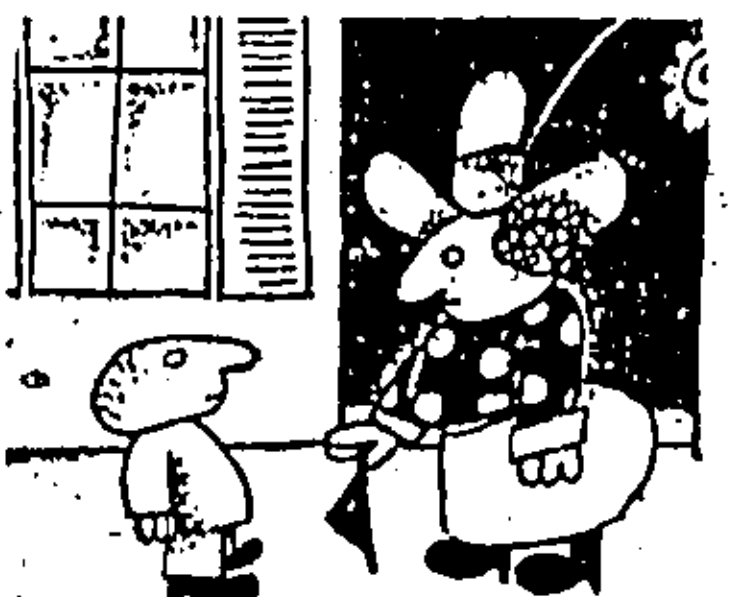
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Eighty-one boys were presented for the Junior Local Examination and 28 passed or 34.5 per cent., with 13 distinctions; 35 were presented for Matriculation and 10 passed or 28.5 per cent. with 4 distinctions; 2 boys obtained the Senior Local Certificate. Douglas Hunt and Yau Ka Yin passed the Matriculation with honours, the former gaining 3 distinctions and the latter one distinction. Douglas Hunt was awarded one of the two valuable King Edward VII. Scholarships; we congratulate him heartily on his success and shall watch his career at the University with interest. Chow Nai-chung has been awarded a Government Educational Scholarship, tenable for 4 years at the Hong Kong University. The results are poor and, even taking into consideration the Staff difficulties, are disappointing. It is not surprising however that only a small percentage of boys manage to pass Junior Local and Matriculation. The syllabus in the various subjects for Matriculation is even wider than for the London Matriculation: here, we have to cover the course in 3 years, whereas at Home the average boy takes at least 5 years to cover the same work; and all the work here is done in a language foreign to the boys.

Forcing The Pace.

I have no hesitation in saying that in putting boys in for Matriculation after 3 years in the Senior School we are unduly forcing the pace. After 2 years they take the Junior Local Examination: most of these boys are ill-prepared, they rarely cover more than 1/2 to 3/4 of the syllabus, and have no time for discussion or revision or general reading, but one hard grind at examination subjects from 9-4. Very few survive even the Junior Local Examination, and with about seven months actual work we have to put them in for Matriculation. The Matriculation and Junior Local Examinations begin about the middle of November and it is towards the middle of January when we get the results of the latter examination. We cannot form our new Matriculation classes until the results are out—boys of course will not buy their books; hence, deducting holidays, there remain only about 7 months work in school. There is much to be said for the point of view recently raised by a correspondent to the newspapers that these examinations take place in July. I am not simply repeating what Mr. Crook urged at many previous Prize Distributions. Eight or nine years ago I had charge of these classes myself at Queen's College and I know from experience that most of our pupils are not ready to be presented and I am supported in this statement by all my masters. No wonder the complaint is about half-baked students, no wonder the University complains about the quality of its first year undergraduates. Foundations are badly laid, the boys are hurried on too quickly and the result is a mental muddle.

Too Much Cramping.

"The flowering stage has been achieved before the roots and leaves have developed sufficiently to bear the fruit and our young plants, raised from seed which has fallen on stony ground, prematurely wither away." In other words they are cramped. For this reason I welcome the suggestion that the Matriculation Examination be replaced by a School Leaving Certificate Examination (S.L.C.), but the change should not be a mere change in name only; the whole character of the examination should be changed. It should be

entirely divorced from the Matriculation Examination, it should be based on the work we actually do in school and should be a record of a good general education, a standard of all-round general efficiency, as would cause it to be regarded of the highest value by Government and employers. The Matriculation examination is unsuitable as a School Leaving Examination: it specialises in 6 subjects only, whereas the School Leaving Certificate should be compulsory in what I regard as the 7 basic subjects of a good general education, viz. English, Chinese, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, History and Geography, and a pass mark should be required in each of these.

Breadth Of Knowledge.

Breadth of knowledge in school boys should not be sacrificed to the mastery of a few subjects. Certain subjects should not be left out so that others may be gone into more deeply: that is the function of a University not a school. All the subjects I have mentioned are essential constituents of a sound education and the School Leaving Certificate should not be able to be gained unless the candidate reaches a certain standard in all these subjects. Hence the present Matriculation syllabus must be ruthlessly pruned to serve as a School Leaving Certificate syllabus; the standard of attainment expected may be put intermediate between the present Junior Local Examination and Matriculation. The School Leaving Certificate should reflect the work we do in school and should be such that the boy of average intelligence, after three years in the Upper School, has a good chance of passing. The brighter boys would pass with Honours, Distinctions or Credits, and those who wished to enter the University could proceed to Matriculation in the five special subjects a few months later. But this of course is a matter entirely for the University authorities. Only about 10 per cent. of the boys who enter the Upper School of this College manage to gain the present School Leaving Certificate, i.e. Matriculation—an examination conducted independently of the College masters. I consider this as very unsatisfactory. I have attempted to diagnose the cause and at the same time apply a remedy. With the establishment of a School Leaving Certificate Examination I should like to see the Junior Local Examination dispensed with. At the end of the second year the school themselves could determine which pupils were fit for promotion to Class 1 and consequently to sit for the School Leaving Certificate at the end of the 3rd year.

Keen Competition.

Class 4 is the top class in our Lower School and in Government District Schools. The annual examination of this class for admittance to Class 3 is controlled by the Education Office. There is tremendous competition for the few remaining vacancies after boys from the Government District Schools have been admitted. I am glad to say that it is proposed to throw this examination open to the whole colony and not confine it to boys of Government Schools. Too many boys now manage to get through this examination: at this stage there should be a careful weeding out and only those boys allowed to pass who are likely to benefit by a higher education. Many of the boys who now enter Class 3 make very little progress: there seems to be a definite limit to their further educability. For many years there has been great wastage in Class 3: last year there were 198 on the Roll, divided into 7 sections. Fifty left during the year and of the remainder only 84 passed into Class 2, that is 42 per cent., and of these the presumption is from past years that at least 50 per cent will fail in the Junior Local Examination at the end of this year. Only about 20 per cent. of those therefore who enter the Upper School proceed to Matriculation. The rest have either left or failed. The boys who are admitted to the Upper School should be so selected that there is a strong probability of their passing the School Leaving Certificate 3 years later.

A Waste Of Time.

It is worse than useless for boys who are not fitted for advanced work, or for boys who are not going to pursue them for a considerable time, to begin these secondary subjects: once admitted there should be some guarantee that they will stay the full course. I do not wish to deprive any boy of the benefits of a good education, but by the time Class 4 is reached we have a shrewd idea of those who will profit, and of those who will not profit by advanced instruction: to go on with the latter is a waste of time, and the school authorities are at the bottom of this. In this hall by Lord, I have seen many boys who do not respond to an English education beyond a certain point

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL

Social Functions.
To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 8 p.m.
To-morrow—Bachelors' Dance, Craigengower Cricket Club.
Sunday—Bellies Old Girls' Association "At Home," 4 p.m.
Monday—Special Dance, Cheero Club, City Hall.

February 18—Dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's, 8 p.m.
February 21—Interport dinner, Peninsula Hotel roof garden, 9 p.m.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"Men of the North."
To-day—Central Theatre.
"The River of Romance."
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"Glorifying the American Girl."
To-day—World Theatre.
"Conquering Beauty" (Chinese picture).
To-day—Star Theatre.
"The Last Warning."

Home Mails.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Negapatnam (Antenor); via Siberia (President Filmore); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Kashima Maru), 9.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Suwa Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Sports.
See Diary on page 12.

Meetings.
February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

February 12—Annual meeting of "Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

March 5—One hundred and eleventh meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day to Sunday—Sixth annual handwork exhibition of Yau Chi School, 491-493, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

To-morrow—Diocesan Girls' School prize distribution, 2.30 p.m.; St. Paul's College, 7.30 p.m.

February 12—French Convent School prize distribution.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

Lammet's Auction.
To-morrow—One Remington typewriter, steel filing cabinet, and duplicator, Auction Room, noon.

would probably find their level in a different type of school, probably vocational. These boys of course are not entirely wasting their time or Government money. We do them a vast amount of good through association with British teachers, good discipline, games, and other influences on character. It is not within my province, however, to discuss such an interesting theme and whether it is worth the cost; I can only point out the educational drawbacks.

Age Limit Question.

Again I see no reason why the age limit for our lowest class, Class 8, should not be lowered from 12 to 11 or even 10. At the latter age the great majority of the new comers are able to pass the entrance examination in Chinese and they are invariably brighter and more intelligent than those of twelve. It is these older boys who eventually clog the system, and it were better not to admit them at all by lowering the age limit. There are plenty of private schools only too willing to deal with this post-adolescent type, and capable of giving them the smattering of English that they are capable of acquiring. Sir Mathew Nathan in 1906, speaking here on Prize Day, was very emphatic on this point. He was struck when going round the school previously to note that the small boys were much better than the bigger boys in the same class and he impressed on Chinese parents the importance of beginning the education of their children, both in English and Chinese, at an early age. "Seven years," he said, "is none too young for making a start."

Boy Scouts.

The 12th Troop of Hong Kong Boy Scouts (attached to Queen's College) was rechartered in May under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Ashton Hill of the University. We are strong enough to run two patrols. The activities of the Queen's College branch of the Y.M.C.A. have increased greatly during the year and they now undertake much important extra-mural work. They are in charge of the large basement under this hall and have equipped it wonderfully well with ping pong tables, chess boards, English and Chinese literature, reading tables, and a plentiful supply of English and Chinese periodicals. The place

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THE 6TH ANNUAL HANDWORK EXHIBITION of the Yau Chi Boys' & Girls' School will be held at their School Buildings, 491-493, Nathan Road, all floors, opening daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. from FRIDAY, 6th to SUNDAY, 8th instant (inclusive). The Exhibition will comprise Needlework, Embroidery, Paintings in Western and Chinese Styles, and Work of Plaster, Bamboo, Wax and Cardboard. Inspection cordially invited.

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of February, 1931, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 13th to FRIDAY, the 27th February, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Liquidator of The Industrial & Commercial Bank, Ltd. (in Liquidation), to sell by Public Auction

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is invariably crowded with boys. They have organised tournaments, competitions and walking parties. For a month during the Midsummer holidays a group of these boys, assisted by girls from the Bellios Public School, ran a daily school here in our covered play ground for the poor children in the vicinity of the College. The hours were 9-1 and the average daily attendance was 112, and many applicants had to be refused admission. It was a most interesting experiment: the subjects taken were Chinese, Bible, Arithmetic, General Knowledge, Songs, Handwork and Games, and the display of handwork in this hall at the end was a great credit to Li Ching-lu, one of our own pupils, and his staff of co-workers.

The usual Inter-Class games have been held. We won the Junior Volley Ball League open to schools in Hong Kong. Walking and balling matches were held: we visited the reserves, called round the harbour in launches and trips were made on the Kowloon Canton Railway by the whole school. Cricket has taken on a new lease of life under the captaincy of Archie Hunt.

The Yellow Dragon has appeared regularly throughout the year and I thank Mr. Morgan for his services in this direction. Of the advice and with the approval of all who have been intimately connected with it during the last few years.

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VALUE OF DISCIPLINE IN EDUCATION

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HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

It has been decided to publish terms instead of monthly. Mr. Holmes has kindly promised to look after its destinies.

The Trustees of the Morrison Scholarships have decided to increase the value of these scholarships to \$200, \$120, 120 per year, each running for 3 years.

Mr. Lau Shiu-chuen has presented the fourth of a series of donations of \$2,000 each for scholarships on behalf of boys from the Pun U District. I wish to express our grateful thanks for his munificence.

Two valuable scholarships of \$120 each per annum from the estate of the late Mr. Tsui Kung-po have been allotted to Queen's College.

The administration of all our Scholarships (except the Morrison Scholarships) has been transferred by Government from the Head Master to the Hon. Colonial Treasurer as Public Trustee.

Generous "Old Boys." I wish to express my thanks to the Queen's College Old Boys' Association for providing hundreds of teas at our Annual Sports; also to these Old Boys and others for their great generosity in sending me about \$1,000 for the Prizes about to be presented. I am afraid that in future years, unless exchange takes a new lease of life, that both the number and value of these prizes will have to be reduced. I regret that in other directions there has been little evidence of the existence of the Old Boys' Association—I hope this is only temporary.

Five of our Old Boys graduated at the University this year. I regret to see that the number of these boys appears to be on the decrease.

I cannot speak too highly of the work of my staff during the year. In spite of sudden staff changes, sickness, and the consequent alteration of time tables and piling on of work, they have accepted my demands with a readiness which gives me great hopes for the future and I thank them most sincerely for their efforts during the year.

Troublesome Times. In many respects and in many ways the times are out of joint but this cannot be said of these educational as far as Hong Kong is concerned; for, if numbers mean anything, there is still the same keen desire on the part of the Chinese to give their sons an English education. Only one month ago this hall was crowded with boys applying for admission (about 300), and in addition, three large class-rooms were filled to overflowing (150-200). Of these, including beginners, we could only take about 80. I should like to stress the importance of education as far as this Colony is concerned, and to hope that it will be possible to maintain the present facilities and standards. We need the best brains for the future welfare of this Colony, and this depends on the education given in the schools. If we do not keep up the standards of our educational institutions and equipment or the standards of the entrants into the teaching profession, then the efficiency of the rising generation is reduced, and that is what this Colony can afford least of all. Economic distress is acute in England and yet there is tremendous educational development going on. Given a wise selection of pupils who will go right through our 8-year course in the schools, with the possibility of the University afterwards, we would so stamp and mould boys as to leave permanent marks, and this would redound to the credit and advantage of both Hong Kong and China—boys with discipline, ideals, and a desire to serve their Colony, their country and their fellow-men. If we cast our bread upon the waters, we shall find it after many days.

In conclusion, Sir, I beg to express our thanks to Your Excellency for presenting the prizes to-day, and, if I may, I should like to convey to you the respectful congratulations of masters, mistresses and boys on the recent honour you have received from His Majesty the King. (Applause.)

His Excellency, in addressing the school, said:—

I think it is a most difficult thing to make a satisfactory speech at a prize-giving. It is almost impossible to find anything to say that has not been said often before, and almost impossible to avoid hackneyed copybook headings and well worn clichés. Moreover, one's remarks should mainly be addressed to the boys, who are only anxious for one to "cut the cackle," as they say, and let them get away. However, I promise them I shall be very brief.

In the first place, I thank the staff and the boys for their congratulations to me on the honour recently graciously conferred on me by His Majesty the King.

I congratulate the College on Mr. de Rome's report in general. This success is the more admirable in view of the rather melancholy accommodation conditions to which he referred. I have listened with interest to his remarks in regard to certain points in the educational system.

Disappointing Exams.

I agree with him that the results of the Junior Local Examinations have been very disappointing generally, and I feel convinced that there is something wrong in the system. I am having investigations made, and it is more than probable that some changes in the system will have to take place. Though greatly interested in the question, frankly I cannot claim to be an educationalist, but I am hopeful that with the advice and co-operation of the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Hornell) and the Director of Education (Mr. G. P. de Martin), an improvement will be effected. I cordially endorse Mr. de Rome's remarks as to the desirability of having proper facilities for physical training, not only with a view to maintaining bodily fitness in itself, but because, without such fitness, work is very difficult.

Prizes Not Everything.

I congratulate those who have won prizes to-day, and also those who, though they have not actually won prizes, have made a laudable effort to do so. Prizes and examinations are not everything, but they serve as an incentive to effort.

I suppose most of you boys come to school with the idea that the main object is an academic education. While this is of considerable importance, it is not the only thing that you acquire at school, or even possibly the most important thing.

There is, for instance, the question of discipline. I suppose that it sounds a horrid word to you boys, and that you think that when you leave school you will have finished with it. If you do think this, so you are making a great mistake. Discipline never ends until you shuffle off this mortal coil, and no matter how old you are, you always find that you have to be constantly disciplining yourself.

Get the Right Idea!

It is essential, therefore, that you should get the right idea of it when you are young. Discipline, rules and regulations always seem rather onerous, but they are absolutely necessary. A man cannot rule well unless he has learned in his time to obey. You cannot be a successful captain of a ship, a colonel of a regiment, head of a bank or commercial undertaking, captain of a football or a cricket team, unless you have been trained thoroughly in observing discipline and rules.

Nor is discipline confined to the class-room. It looms very large in the playing fields. Rules often seem very irksome, and it may be sometimes difficult to see the reason for them; but you must remember that they have been made by people of long experience, and just as rules are necessary in playing games, so are they in the administration of schools, and indeed of any undertaking.

Another thing that you come to learn in school is the meaning of tradition. I do not mean merely the tradition of the college itself. That is very important, of course. Queen's College has its own traditions, and it is for you boys to see that you help to maintain them; but there are other traditions—traditions of playing the game and dealing honourably with your fellows. These can probably be learned better in school than anywhere else. Here in school a boy is judged largely by his fellows, who constitute a very strict but, on the whole, an impartial tribunal.

Malayan Experiences.

Some years ago, when I was Adviser in a Malay States, I discussed with the ruler the question of sending the cadets of the ruling house to Britain at a younger age, in order enable them to get to a school. They were going rather too late for school, and had to be educated by tutors. I assured him that, if they wanted to teach British traditions and ideals, they would have a better chance if they could get to a school and learn them largely from their school fellows.

He realised the truth of this, and was himself ready to encourage them to go at an earlier age; but unfortunately we were up against a stronger influence, namely, that of the mothers, who were averse to allowing their sons to leave home at so young an age. However, we did manage to get one or two to go early enough to get to a school. Here, again, traditions are not to be learned only in the school room. They are even better learned in the playground. You have here a good record in sport, and you must maintain a high tradition for keeping your games clean and sporting.

"Looking Backwards."

Now I promised to be brief, so I will not detain you any longer, and will just say that, if you only play the game by your fellows and be considerate both to them and your masters, I will guarantee that you will look back to your school days with pleasure, and that you will achieve considerable happiness in the life ahead of you. (Loud Applause.)

Scholarships List.

Senior Morrison Scholarship, Douglas Hunt.
Intermediate Morrison Scholarship, Chow Nai-chung.
Blake Scholarship, Lee Ching-ling.
Wright Scholarship, O. P. Shueung.
Senior Bellies Scholarship, Wat Kung-ling.
Ho Tung Scholarship, Lau Tin-chak.
Ho Kom-tong Scholarship, Poon Kam-yung.
Lee Hy-san Scholarship, Chu Kwong-ling.
Ho Fook Scholarship, Li Koon-pak.
Junior Bellies Scholarship, Ma Nai-kwong.
Lugard Scholarship, Mak Chuk-hon.
Tsui Kung-po Scholarship, Li Kwan-hung, S. Eckhardt.
Sheung Hing Scholarship, Wu Hing-ling.
Junior Morrison Scholarship, Lam Tat-tsol.
Alfred May Scholarship, Lai Kam-tong.
Government Free Scholarship for 3 years (from class 4)—Chen Ping-cheung, Lai Kwok-hing, Ng Chi-keung, Luk Man-lok, Sung Kam-tin, Hung Lap-chi.
Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Class 5-4)—Wu Chi-poi, Mok Kai-wing.
Government Free Scholarship, Fong Chun-kwan.
A. W. Grant Scholarship, Fung Yee-man.
Ho Wing Scholarship, Cheung Shiu-wan.
Ho Yu Scholarship, Leung Shi-lo.
Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Class 6-5), Ng Shun-hung, Chan Pak-chun.
Government Free Scholarship, Pun Ching-fong.
Ho Kwong Scholarship, Chan Wan-shu.
T. K. Dealy Scholarship, Yeung Po-lim.
Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Class 7-6), Chau Wing-sum, Chan Wai-to.
Government Free Scholarship, Lo Kan.
Ng In Scholarship, Cheung King-chai.
E. Ralphs Scholarship, Yeung Tak-va.
Woo Hay-tong Scholarship (Class 8-7), Fok Cho-mana, Chan King-sung.
Government Free Scholarship, Yu Shu-kwan.
Tsang Chung Scholarship, Chan Yim-cheong.
Kong Ki-fai Scholarship, Hui Sai-pang.

Special Prizes.

Ralphs Head Prefect Medal, V. V. Soenderman.
Machell Memorial Prize, Douglas Hunt.
Prize for Composition (Class 1), Chow Nai-chung, (Class 2), Y. C. A. Archall.
Ranjahn Prize for Literature, Wat Kam-him.

Prize for Mathematics (Class 1), Yau Ka-yim, (Class 2), Siu Woon-to.
Prize for Merit, Douglas Hunt.
Woo Lat-woon Special Translation Prize.

(C. to E.)—Grade 1—Chow Nai-chung, (F. 1); Grade 2—Lu Kau-yu, (F. 3A); Grade 3—Lam Tat-tsol, (4A).

(E. to C.)—Lee Ching-ling (F. 1); Mak Kiu-fan (F. 3A); Chow King-chung, (4A).
Class Composition Prizes.—F. 1—Man Chong-sung, C. 1—Wat Kung-lim, F. 3A—Chan Ka-chak, C. 3A—E. H. Eganell, N. C.—S. Eckhardt.
Class History Prizes.—C. 1—Wat Kung-lim, F. 3A—Chan Po-chung, F. 3B—Ng Hong-yat, F. 3C—Cheung King-sun, C. 3A—Ma Nai-kwong, N. C.—S. Eckhardt.
Class Geography Prizes.—C. 1—Hung Mo-chiu, F. 3A—Li Kwan-hung, F. 3B—Sun Lui-ming, F. 3C—Yuen Ming, C. 3A—Ling Shing-to, C. 3B—Wong Hon-1, N. C.—M. Wahab.
Special Vernacular Prizes.—1—Cheung King-chung, 2—Mak Kiu-fan, 3—So Ming-man, 4—Yu Sze-yuen, 5—Chan Kai-tung.

Prizes for Distinctions in Matriculation and Senior Local: Douglas Hunt, (Honours and 3 Dist.); Yau Kai-yim, (Honours and 1 Dist.).
Prizes for Distinctions in Junior Local:—An Yung-chiu, (2); Lau Tin-chak, (2); Siu Woon-to, (2); Lee Chung-fat, (1); Poon Cho-yam, (1); Pun Kam-yung, (1); Tam Chak-lam, (1); Tsui Shiu-she, (1); Wong Kin-shik, (1); Wu Hing-ling, (1).

Class Prizes (English).

F. 1, Tsang Fook-shing; 2, Man Chong-sun.
C. 1, Mak Fat-ming; 2, Li Li-cheung.
F. 2A, 1, Poon Cho-yam; 2, Tsui Shiu-she.
F. 2B, 1, Siu Woon-to; 2, Yung Ying-nam.
C. 2, 1, Im Sun-chuen.
F. 3A, 1, Leung Sik-kwan; 2, Mak Kiu-fan.
F. 3B, 1, To Shiu-wa; 2, Yeung Wai-lam.
F. 3C, 1, Yuen Ming, 2, Chan Yung-sing.
F. 3D, 1, Lui Fung-ting, 2, Wong Shiu-hung.
C. 3A, 1, Ling Shing-to; 2, Chan Pei-tak.
C. 3B, 1, Chan Tak-shang; 2, Lui Tung-ki.
N. C. 1, M. C. Arculli; 2, M. Wahab.
4A, 1, Chow King-cheung; 2, Pang O-ying.
4B, 1, Tam Yiu-pang; 2, Tse Wing-shueung.
5A, 1, Hung Kai-chiu; 2, Yeung Iu-chung.
5B, 1, Chan Shiu-wa; 2, Yau Yuk-chuk.
6A, 1, Yuen Yuk-lun; 2, Hung Chak.
6B, 1, Chung Shiu-man; 2, Luk Ki-ling.
7A, 1, Pong Chi-chip; 2, Ching Wai-yung.
7B, 1, Lo Shung-wing; 2, Lo Yuk-ling.
8A, 1, Yung Fook-pui; 2, Chan Chung-kee.
8B, 1, Lee Chun-hung; 2, Tam Yue-kan.
8C, 1, Chan Yui-shing; 2, Chan Kwai-va.

Class Prizes (Vernacular).

F. 1, Lau Sui-lung; 2, Yau Ka-yim.
F. 2A, 1, Au Yung-chiu; 2, Chu Chi-chak.
F. 2B, 1, Siu Woon-to; 2, Li Shui-hung.
C. 2, 1, Im Sun-chuen.
F. 3A, 1, Ho Pak-hi; 2, Mak Kiu-fan.
F. 3B, 1, Yeung Wai-lam; 2, Cheung King-chung.
F. 3C, 1, Wong Wing-sun; 2, Chan Yuk-shi.
F. 3D, 1, Pong Man-leung; 2, Lui Fung-ting.
C. 3A, 1, Ling Shing-to.
C. 3B, 1, Chan Tak-shang.
4A, 1, Kong Chan-to; 2, Mok Chung-tse.
4B, 1, Fok Wai-ho; 2, Tse Wing-shueung.
5A, 1, Yuen Hin-1; 2, Yeung Iu-chung.
5B, 1, Fung Choi-yiu; 2, Yeung Chun-nam.
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8C, 1, Ho Ka-lun; 2, Chan Kwai-wa.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

(In London—)

Bank, wire	11 1/2
Bank, on demand	11 1/2
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	11 13/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	11 15/16
On demand	57 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	61 1/2
On New York—	
On demand	22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	23 1/2
On Bombay—	
Wire	62 1/2
On demand	62 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Wire	62 1/2
On demand	62 1/2
On Singapore—	
On demand	40
On Manila—	
On demand	45 1/2
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 75 3/4
Dollar	4 1/2 dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	45 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	11 13/16
Silver (per oz.)	12 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2 p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	22 1/2 dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	1/4 prem.

hang. C. 2, 1, Im Sun-chuen.

F. 3A, 1, Ho Pak-hi; 2, Mak Kiu-fan.

F. 3B, 1, Yeung Wai-lam; 2, Cheung King-chung.

F. 3C, 1, Wong Wing-sun; 2, Chan Yuk-shi.

F. 3D, 1, Pong Man-leung; 2, Lui Fung-ting.

C. 3A, 1, Ling Shing-to.

C. 3B, 1, Chan Tak-shang.

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INWARD MAILS

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

Straits Suwa Maru

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

Bangkok Chinhua 8.30 p.m.

Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia Luchow 8.30 p.m.

Dalry Liangchow 8.30 p.m.

Shanghai and Wuchow Kong Ning 4 p.m.

Salgon Graciosa 5 p.m.

Amoy Nam Sang 5 p.m.

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Registration Feb. 6, 4.30 p.m. Registration Feb. 7, 8.45 a.m.

Letters Feb. 7, 9 a.m. Letters Feb. 7, 9.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

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Manila and Paracels only for Germany via Hamburg Derflinger 12.30 p.m.

Halphong Canton 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia Suwa Maru 8.30 p.m.

Amoy and Japan Takada 5 p.m.

Formosa Sourabaya Maru 5 p.m.

Bangkok via Swatow Hiram 5 p.m.

Manila President Fillmore 5 p.m.

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HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 6th Feb., 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Num.	Plu.	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	2110	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	108	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	...	...	...	244	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Bank of Asia	...	...	...	120	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	...	...	...	1300	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Union Ins.	635	...	...	618/30	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
*China Underwriters	3.40	9 1/2	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
China Fire Ins.	475	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
H. K. Fire Ins.	1300	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Shipping.						
Douglases	...	...	...	26 1/2	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
H. K. Steamships	...	...	...	27	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...	40	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
(Def.)	...	...	...	30	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Shell Transport	...	...	...	76/3	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	88	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Mining.						
Benguet	...	...	...	10 1/2	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Kailan Mining Ad.	...	...	...	33/3	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Langkat	...	...	...	8 1/2	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
*Shai Exploration	...	...	...	2 1/2	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Loans	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
*Raub	38 1/2	...	...	38	Mar.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Wharves	172	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
H. K. & W. Docks	30	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
South Ch. Moors	...	...	...	10	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
*China Provident (old)	...	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
(new)	2.45	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Hongkew	...	...	...	270	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
N. Engineering	...	...	...	6	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	108	Apr.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	12.80	...	...	12.80/18	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
H.K. Lands (old)	56	...	...	30	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
(new A)	54 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
(new B)	53 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div. 1930] 10/11/31
Shanghai Lands	360	...	...	...	Dec.	[Final Div

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ADVENTURES OF MRS. MILLER.

Unharmed in Forced
Landing on Island.

AVIATORS PUZZLED.

New York, Dec. 5.
With hope almost abandoned,
news of the safety of Mrs. Miller,
the Australian airwoman, feared to
have perished in the sea between
Cuba and Florida, was flashed from
Nassau, capital of the Bahamas,
south-east of Florida, on Monday
night.

"I'm safe; notify friends; love—
Jessie," was the message sent by
Mrs. Miller to her mother, Mrs.
Beveridge, in New York.

Blown more than 100 miles out
of her course by a heavy gale from
the west, her compass out of order,
and her petrol exhausted, Mrs.
Miller made a forced landing on a
barren island in the Bahamas
group, six and a half hours after
having left Havana for Miami on
Friday.

Describing her adventure in an
interview at Nassau to-day, Mrs.
Miller, who arrived there on board
a fishing boat, said her tiny plane,
the Bullet, was forced down near
Kemps Bay, in the Andros Islands,
120 miles east of Florida, at 3.30
p.m. on Friday. She had been six
and a half hours in the air.

Soon after leaving Havana she
ran into a severe gale blowing from
the Gulf of Mexico, and was forced
off her course. To make her plight
worse her compass failed, and she
had no idea where she was.

Down in Clump of Bushes.
"I flew blind for several hours,"
she said, "and then I saw land and
turned my plane with the wind.
There was not enough gas to make
a safe landing, so I zoomed down
at a great speed. The machine
rolled into a clump of bushes. I
was not even hurt, but I certainly
did not know where I was. I called
loudly for help, but none came. I
looked for signs of habitation, but
found none."

After having wandered for half
an hour, Mrs. Miller said, she dis-
covered a path, and then walked 16
miles, eventually reaching the wire-
less station and settlement at
Kemps Bay, where she was given
food and shelter.

Plane Not Damaged.
"The station, however, was out
of order," she said, "so I was un-
able to communicate with the
anxious world. Finally, the com-
missioner, Mr. Forsyth, came to my
assistance and secured a fishing
smack to take me to Nassau last
night."

Mrs. Miller said she would return
to Kemps Bay and try to retrieve
her machine, which was not dam-
aged in the landing. She hopes to fly
to Miami as soon as fuel supplies
can be got to the plane.

Capt. Lancaster Tries to Sell Story.
Miami.—Aviators here are puzzled
at how Mrs. Miller was blown off
her course to the eastward to-
wards the Bahamas, when the pre-
vailing winds were from the east.
It had been assumed that, if she
were to be found, it would have
been in the Gulf of Mexico.

Capt. Lancaster, who has arrived
from Pittsburgh, says that he will
leave to-day in a chartered plane
to bring Mrs. Miller back. He will
take a mechanic and fuel in the
hope that the Bullet can be flown
back.

Capt. Lancaster got in touch with
the Associated Press yesterday,
offering the newspaper rights of
Mrs. Miller's sensational story for
\$400, but the Association declined
the offer.

To Become American?
Havana (Cuba).—There is a re-
port in circulation here that Mrs.
Miller intends to become an Amer-
ican citizen. She has been in
America two and a half years, hav-
ing renewed her six months' vis-
itor's permit five times. Before
she left for the mainland the
United States consul was on the
point of refusing her re-entry into
the United States, but he was in-
duced to grant permission when she
declared that she was anxious to
return for the purpose of obtaining
citizenship.

Success in U.S.A. After Flight
From England to Australia.

Mrs. Miller soared into the avia-
tion world when she made her
famous flight from England to Aus-
tralia in the Red Rose with Capt.
Lancaster.

She is the wife of Mr. Keith
Miller, a Melbourne journalist.
Her mother, Mrs. Beveridge, re-
cently joined her in the United
States.

Soon after her arrival in the Red
Rose, Mrs. Miller took out a pilot's
certificate. Then she went to
America with Capt. Lancaster and
Capt. Harry Lyon, navigator of the
Southern Cross on its Pacific flight.

She soon made a name for her-
self in America as a plucky woman
pilot. After success in several fly-
ing competitions, she was given a
position of \$1,000 a year as test
pilot for the Curtiss-Wright Test-
ing Co.

Recently she broke the women's
record for the east-west and west-
east transcontinental flight.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355
metres:—

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Lecture by
Dr. K. S. Shin, M.B., B.S., on
"Infant Welfare."

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Columbia Records
kindly supplied by Messrs. Ander-
son Music Co.

7 pm.—Stock Quotations.
7-7.42 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Gaiety Echoes,
Herman Finck and His
Orchestra (9718).

Humorous Song—
P. C. Lamb,
The Modern Diver,
Mr. Flotsam & Mr. Jetsam
(5587).

Banjo Solo—
Mississippi Bubble,
Ernest Jones (5583).

Humorous Song—
Sposin',
Come on Baby,
Trix Sisters (5584).

Xylophone Solo—
Lonesome Little Doll,
Rudy Starita (5646).

Hawaiian Orchestra—
King's Serenade,
That Aloha Waltz,
Moana Orchestra (99).

Song—
Boats Raymond Newell (5).
7.42-7.50 p.m.—On With the
Show Selections played by Debroy's
Somer's Band (74).

7.50-8.10 p.m.—Chamber Music.
Pianoforte Solo—
Country Gardens (Grainger),
Shepherd's Hey,
Percy Grainger (1684).

Octet—
Melody (Dawes),
Moon Beams & Shadows (Squire),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet
(5639).

Cello Solo—
Evening Song (Schumann),
Après Un Gaieté (Faure),
A. J. G. Casado (1598).

8.10-8.28 p.m.—Operatic.
Parsifal—March of the Knights of
the Holy Grail (Wagner),
The Regimental Band of
H.M. Grenadier Guards
(75).

Maritana—Vocal Gems (Wallace),
Clara Sereno, Francis Russell,
Denis Noble and Chorus
(9872).

8.28-9 p.m.—Orchestral & Band
Selections.
March Slav (Tchaikowsky),
The Regimental Band of
H.M. Grenadier Guards
(59).

Orchestral—
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2
(Liszt & Wood),
New Queen's Hall Orchestra
(9-10).

Orchestral—
The Bronze Horse (Auber),
Bournemouth Municipal
Orchestra (69).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9.05 p.m.—European Concert
from the Studio.

1. Pianoforte Solo by S. B. Winram:
"Rhapsody in Blue" by G.
Gershwin.

2. Songs—Miss F. McGill (Soprano):
a. "The Auld Scotch Songs" by
Dr. Bethune.
b. "John Anderson My Jo" by
Burns.

3. Glee Singers—"The Collegians":
a. "John Peel."
b. "How Can I Bear to Leave
Thee?"

4. Songs—Mr. J. D'Aguiar (Baritone):
a. "To Grenada" by Alvarez.
b. "Prince Sita" by Cadilla.

5. Pianoforte Solo—Mr. S. B. Winram:
a. "Little White Lies."
b. "So Ready My Heart for You."
c. "No Body's Sweetheart."
d. "Bye Bye Blues."

6. Glee Singers—"The Collegians":
a. "A Mistake."
b. "There are Women" (by Re-
quest).

7. Songs—Miss F. McGill (Soprano):
a. "Jack O' Hazelde" by Sir W.
Scott.
b. "Afton Water" by Burns.

8. Songs—Mr. J. D'Aguiar (Baritone):
a. "Mighty Lak a Rose" by Nevin.
b. "Maiden" by Tosti.

9. The Glee Singers—"The Collegians":
a. "Honey I Want You Now."
b. "Out of the Dusk to You."

If time permits there will be an
Experimental Relay after this
concert until 10.30 p.m.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Report for January.
Actual hours of transmission
totalled 272 of which 157 were de-
voted to European programmes
and 115 to Chinese; as follows:—

European Chinese
Morning Transmis-
sions 50 46%

Commercial News
and Church Relys
Evening Transmis-
sions 107 63%

157 115

Monthly Percentage 57.72 42.28

During the month the following
items were broadcast:—

Burning Commemories 0
Dance Programmes 0
European Studio Concerts 10
Chinese Studio Concerts 13

European Relys 5
Chinese Relys 5
Readings from Shakespeare 1
European Lectures 2
Chinese Lectures 2

European Children's Programme 4
Chinese Children's Programme 4
New licences issued during
January were 116.

records for the east-west and west-
east transcontinental flight.

Her latest flight was from Pitts-
burg to Havana. She flew the
main hop from Miami to Havana in
2 hours 20 minutes.

Mrs. Miller was born at Broken
Hill, where her father, now dead,
was a bank manager.

INDIAN TRUNK
CRIMES.

Merchants Charged with
Murder of Rich Jew.

ROBBERY PLANNED.

Bombay, Dec. 19.
After an interval of nearly a
year, an echo of the notorious trunk
murder mystery was heard in the
court of the third Magistrate of
Bombay when two Mahomedan
hosiery merchants, Haji Abukar
Taher Mahomed and Ibrahim
Haji Abukar, father and son,
respectively, conducting a busi-
ness in Chakla Street, were
placed before the Magistrate
and charged with robbery
and murder in connection with
the killing of a wealthy Bombay Hind,
diamond merchant, Nemchand Cha-
gan Lal, whose body was found in
an unclaimed trunk at Bhusawal
railway station on January 13
last.

A police inspector, applying to-
day for a remand of the accused in
custody, stated there was evidence
to show that the victim was asked
to come, with jewellery valued at
about Rs.13,000, to the residence of
the first accused on January 12,
and that the first accused had met
the victim near his shop in Chak-
la Street.

After that the victim was not
seen alive by anybody.

Witness added there was evi-
dence to the effect that the accused
planned the robbery of the jewel-
lery and the disposal of the
body, and that some of the stolen
property was disposed of by the
accused.

The Magistrate remanded the ac-
cused in police custody till Janu-
ary 3.

Another Gruesome Find.
Bombay, Dec. 21.

Some excitement was caused
when an unclaimed trunk, removed
by the railway authorities from the
Calcutta mail (via Jabulpore) on
arrival at Victoria Terminus, Bom-
bay (Great Indian Peninsular Rail-
way), to-day was on examination
found to contain a decapitated body
of a Hindu male dressed in a dhoti.
The body was in no wise decompos-
ed.

The yellow trunk in which the
body was pressed measured thirty
by eighteen inches. The victim is
aged about twenty-five. Rigor
mortis had not set in when the body
was discovered. There is no trace
of the head. There are no clues as
yet to the mystery.

Hostess (sending out cards): "If
most of the people we are sending
to accept we shall have our work
cut out to cater for them."

Host: "Oh, I don't suppose more
than half will accept. We must
hope for the best."

Hostess: "That's all very well as
far as you are concerned. What I
have to do is prepare for the
worst."

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functioning healthily, regu-
larly eliminating impuri-
ties from your system.

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beauty is constipation, for
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with waste matter the blood is
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purities which break out into
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the skin is ill-nourished, be-
comes coarse and sallow.

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Diane

"Men of the North," vivid drama of the snow country, with Gilbert Roland, Barbara Leonard and Nena Quartaro. Willard Mack is responsible for the story. It has this recommendation: it was taken in the real surroundings. Picturesque scenes, ski-jumping, dog-sled racing and a dramatic fight in a snow-locked cabin. Hal Roach, who made Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy and other comedy stars, directed, quite something different from his usual line of work. Barbara Leonard is the linguistic wonder of the film colony; educated on the Continent; speaks half a dozen languages fluently; Roland, will be best remembered for his work opposite Norma Talmadge. In fact, there were strong rumours at one time that she was to divorce Joseph Schenk, the famous film magnate, and marry her leading man. She has decided more wisely. (Queen's.)

Gertrude Lawrence is one of the cleverest comedienne on the stage. In New York and London she is adored. At present she is with Noel Coward in a light comedy. I saw her in this film, which, with the exception of some "shorts," is the only one she has done. It is not worthy of her, but she is well worth seeing. Charles Buggles does good work, but the rest of the cast, and the story are not up to standard. Miss Lawrence reminds me at times of the delightful Constance Talmadge when she was at the height of her fame. "The Battle of Paris" must not be missed just because of the "star." (Central.)

Charles Rogers, Mary Brian and the lovely June Collyer in "The River of Romance," called in the film version. "The River of Romance," I liked them all immensely. There is a particularly funny scene between Wallace Beery and Rogers. Certainly to be recommended. (Central.)

Smart life on the shore of Long Island from the stage play by Rachel Crother. "Let us be Gay" will be a hit at the Queen's. Norma Shearer as the dangerous grass-widow, Marie Dressler as the fussy Dowager who frowns about her mansion arguing with the butler and re-arranging other people's lives. Gorgeous creations designed by Adrian that will fill the females of the audience with envy. Rod La Rocque at his best, excellent acting, pleasant Society drama, worth seeing twice. (Queen's.)

Pity poor father! "Sins of the Children" will show how a bad deal is handed to a parent whose entire life is sacrificed to his children. Louis Mann, a stage favourite, does the same sort of acting that Emil Jennings did in that awful film, "Way of all Flesh." Robert Montgomery, Lella Hyams, and the lovely Mary Doran do their best to pull the story out of the rut. (Queen's.)

The expensive and much publicized John McCormack in "Song of My Heart" at the Queen's with Alice Joyce and a comparatively new cast whom I do not favour. No one will want to miss seeing this man whose voice has charmed us for years. He does not act, he just walks through as we should expect to see him in real life. BUT he sings, and then?—John McCormack is the ballad singer who touches our hearts, the songs that have just that emotional appeal that is needed by so many of us. I remember John—Oh! it must be 25 years ago, and he was magnificent in opera, but the concert platform is where he has made his fame in every part of the world. There is hardly a household that is without a McCormack Victor record, so the crowds must roll up to the Queen's to see him, and I have to tell you that the recording of his voice is perfecting. (Queen's.)

Lloyd Hughes was a big star in the Movies. He and Mary Astor were an ideal couple. Then came the new medium. Hughes found himself, like so many others, at 28 with half a million dollars, and his movie decline just round the corner. Then he started voice training, and Radio work. Rupert Julian heard him, and gave him this chance with Bebe Daniels in "Love Comes Along." He has not looked back since. Those three and the Briton, Montague Love, did their best with the film material at their disposal. Personally I do not like the theme of the story. I like underworld stories, but low-class dives in strange out of the way little corners of the world, where both sexes are shown in rather a lurid light can be kept for cities where there is not the mixed population of Hong Kong. Bebe sang beautifully, and she shows her real mettle in acting in drama. I am keen to see her

with Douglas Fairbanks in "Reaching for the Moon." Bebe is so versatile, and she still photographs like a million dollars. (Central.)

There is an old Florentine saying, "There is only this minute, therefore live." Milton Sills said almost the same words in the recently shown "Man Trouble." I was saddened. He was a great actor, and wonderful man, and like Lon Chaney can ill be spared from the films. I do not think there will be anyone stepping into either of these men's shoes. What a cast, what a strong story! Kenneth McKenna came up to my expectations. Wish they would show his very strong gripping drama, "Men without Women," where he portrays the part to perfection of a British ex-Naval officer, trapped in the sunken submarine. Dorothy Mackaill, easily one of the best actresses and amongst the most beautiful women, too. The little lady from Hell is an American citizeness now. (After all she owes her success to America.) She ranks amongst my biggest favourites. Interesting woman, too, Married Lothar Mendez (Director) and after ten days divorced him. She explains that she loved him, but the real thing that counts in a successful marriage was missing—FRIENDSHIP! her key to happiness. She says it is the zenith of perfection as far as human emotions go—nothing higher, nothing more powerful, nothing beyond. AND what does Friendship mean? Tenderness, companionship and understanding—above all the last. Wait till you see the lovely Dorothy in "The Office Wife" with Lewis Stone. Nothing finer has been done than her work in this.

Two super revues shortly announced. Warner Brothers' "Show of Shows" in the Queen's, and "The King of Jazz" in the Central. All other revues fade into insignificance. More about them later. Rated at 100 per cent.

With us passing through in the Delgenland on his way to hunt big game in French China is Mr. Nicholas Ullman, known to the world by his stepfather's name of Douglas Fairbanks. His most recent picture, "Reaching for the Moon," marks a return to the parts in which I first remember him. No furbelows and laces, just His Majesty the American Gentleman. He was a great stage actor, greater still in the Movies, but he has yet to "find himself" in the Talkies. Rumour has it that he will surprise us all in the new film. A part after his own heart, all kinds of new stunts, thrilling enough to make the T. B. M. (Third Business Man) want to go home and do likewise. I will always hold that Fairbanks ranks with his friend, Charles Chaplin, as the greatest acquisition and attraction the film world will ever know. There is no one who can out-play, out-swim this wonder man of 47, the man who never tires. Believes in seven hours' sleep, regular diet, and a certain amount of time for strenuous exercise. Never any "doubles" for Fairbanks. Hours of grinding work at sword-play, rope throwing, whip work, etc. Who will ever forget "The Gaucho"? "Robin Hood," "Three Musketeers," "Don Q," "Mark of Zorro," "Thief of Bagdad," and those earlier efforts that only the old-time movie "fans" will remember, "The Americano," and "The Mollycoddle." Fairbanks is the greatest athlete who has ever been in pictures, and I am not forgetting that the sporting world has been raked for its stars from the ring, the cinder track, the baseball and football fields. He has no equal. A keen business sense, too, and the gift of writing many of his own stories under the nom de plume of Elton Thomas. Douglas's favourite pastimes now are travel and golf. He has only made the one picture since his return from his world tour with the Queen of Hollywood—the well-beloved Mary Pickford. She will shortly release her latest, "Kiki," and has no intention of retiring. A thousand welcomes to the man who has given so much pleasure to the world.

It is quite beyond me WHY M.G.M. chose Sweden's Ice Maiden, Queen of Tragedy, to play the happy-go-lucky Cavallini. I do not think that for one moment she suggested the character. There are dozens of us here who have the sweetest memories of the original who played the part for three years in London and practically all over the world, Miss Doris Kean. When we saw Greta Garbo in "Romance" we saw "Anna Christie" dressed in the becoming gowns of the early Victorian era. An exceptionally low-contralto speaking voice, very

often guttural (which one does not expect from the supposedly world-famous soprano). Photographically? Perfection! Not that I hold with the new idea of close-ups and recitations. I felt that the artist addressed was anywhere but in the Studio. Gavin Gordon, in the colourless priggish part of Tom Armstrong, far from the mark. I have seen him on the stage, and advise him to return there. Lewis Stone, the dependable, looking old, but the best in it.

Scenes that stand out in memory—the description of her first love's treachery, the farewell—became merely passing moments in the Talkie. AND the broken Italian accent which we found so adorable in the original portrayal. No sign of it. What a pity! It took away the environment. Let Miss Garbo stay in parts like "The Torrent," "Love," "Wild Orchids," etc., but NOT character parts. She remains Garbo, she repeats Anna Christie, she does not lose her identity. Where was the artistry? Seems I was disappointed. Yes?

STAGE "DEGENERATE"

Mr. Osbert Sitwell's Views On Actors.

Mr. Osbert Sitwell, in a speech at the annual meeting of the Essex County Drama Society at Chelmsford, said that if the stage was really unaware that, at this moment, it was in a disastrous state of degeneracy, it must be more singularly out of touch with modern life than they had imagined. Not a moment should be lost before they conferred to it the news of its moribund condition.

"In its own judgment, the stage," declared Mr. Sitwell, "has apparently become an institution which rivals the Church in sanctity, and the Monarchy in unassailability. But not only is the present-day stage out of touch with the world of contemporary ideas, apparently it is cut off also from the ideas of all the ages."

Yet in England, "in spite of the fact that the theatre is empty or full of idiots' laughter," the stage persisted in believing in its own perfection. "The actor to-day was often more interested in golf or going out to parties than in his work. Simultaneously, every successful actress became a fashionable beauty, and walked on to the stage more to welcome her friends in the stalls than to act the part."

They were discussing a wedding present, a silver butter dish, that they were sending off that morning.

"What shall we put on the card?" asked the wife.

"Oh," said the husband, preoccupied with his paper and coffee, "put the usual dope, I suppose, anything you like."

A few moments thought followed, and then she handed him the card. It was inscribed "For butter—or worse."

ROUND THE CINEMAS

SCENES IN "MEN OF THE NORTH."

THRILLS IN THE SNOW.

For scenic beauty the new picture now being screened in the Queen's Theatre—"Men of the North"—is amongst the best seen here. The theme is, of course, the eternal triangle in the unfolding of which there are many thrills and spills in the snow, including a spectacular snow slide. Gilbert Roland and Barbara Leonard are in leading roles, and Nena Quartaro is the other girl. Their acting is good, particularly Roland who is convincing as the French Canadian, even to the accent.

In the programme is also included a laughable comic starring Harry Langdon, the simpleton of the screen, and a colour-toned revue, "Climbing the Golden Stairs" in which Charles King and a bevy of M.G.M. beauties convinced old St. Peter that in spite of all its jazz and whoopee, Broadway is not so bad. And he and his whole gang were admitted into heaven! The usual Hearst Newsworld shows some scenes of the havoc in Japan caused by the recent earthquake there. Altogether an attractive and entertaining programme.

"THE RIVER OF ROMANCE."

The Southern accent which she packed away in vocal moth balls a few years ago, was brought out for an airing recently by Mary Brian, Jark-eyed actress.

Miss Brian, heroine of many a romantic part in the screen drama, plays the role of "Lucy" in the "Buddy" Rogers starring picture, "River of Romance" which comes to the Central Theatre for a four days' run beginning to-day.

Director Wallace specified that all in the cast must have Southern accents to further the realism of the spoken dialogue in the picture, which is all-talking.

Miss Brian was born in Corsicana, Texas. In the four years that she has forged ahead in pictures, achieving the front rank as a Paramount featured player, her Dixie drawl has become almost imperceptible. But when the first "shots" of "River of Romance" were made, it was clear to all on the set that Miss Brian had had no difficulty in resurrecting her idling, limpid lingo, sub.

A splendid array of talent has been cast in support of Rogers. The players include Henry B. Walthall, veteran of the stage and the screen since "Birth of a Nation" days; Wallace Beery, burly good-bad man of the films, Mrs. George Fawcett, June Collyer, Walter McGrail, Natalie Kingston, Anderson Lawler, George Reed and Fred Kohler.

CYRIL CHADWICK'S "DUMB" PORTRAYAL.

ENJOYED BY FANS.

It pays to be silly, according to Cyril Chadwick. This noted screen actor has won a name for himself in one particular type of characterisation, that of "silly ass," and his clever interpretation of roles of this sort have brought him great distinction.

A Briton by birth, Chadwick attained success on the legitimate stage in London before going to America years ago to "try his luck" with American producers. A wide experience with various stock companies and on Broadway led to his first screen roles eight years ago, since which time he has confined himself exclusively to comedy celluloid efforts.

His work in the difficult part of Major Twynnes in "The Black Watch" for Fox Movietone brought about his selection for that of Peter Darrell in "Temple Tower," the spine-chilling melodramatic novelty which opens on Sunday in the Queen's Theatre.

Kenneth MacKenna portrays the leading role of "Bulldog Drummond," which Marceline Day and Henry B. Walthall have important parts in this Donald Gallaher production.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for February 1931. (Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Feb.	Sunrise	Sunset
6	7.01	6.14
7	7.00	6.15
8	7.00	6.16
9	6.59	6.16
10	6.58	6.17
11	6.58	6.18
12	6.57	6.19
13	6.56	6.19
14	6.56	6.19
15	6.56	6.20
16	6.55	6.20
17	6.55	6.21
18	6.54	6.21

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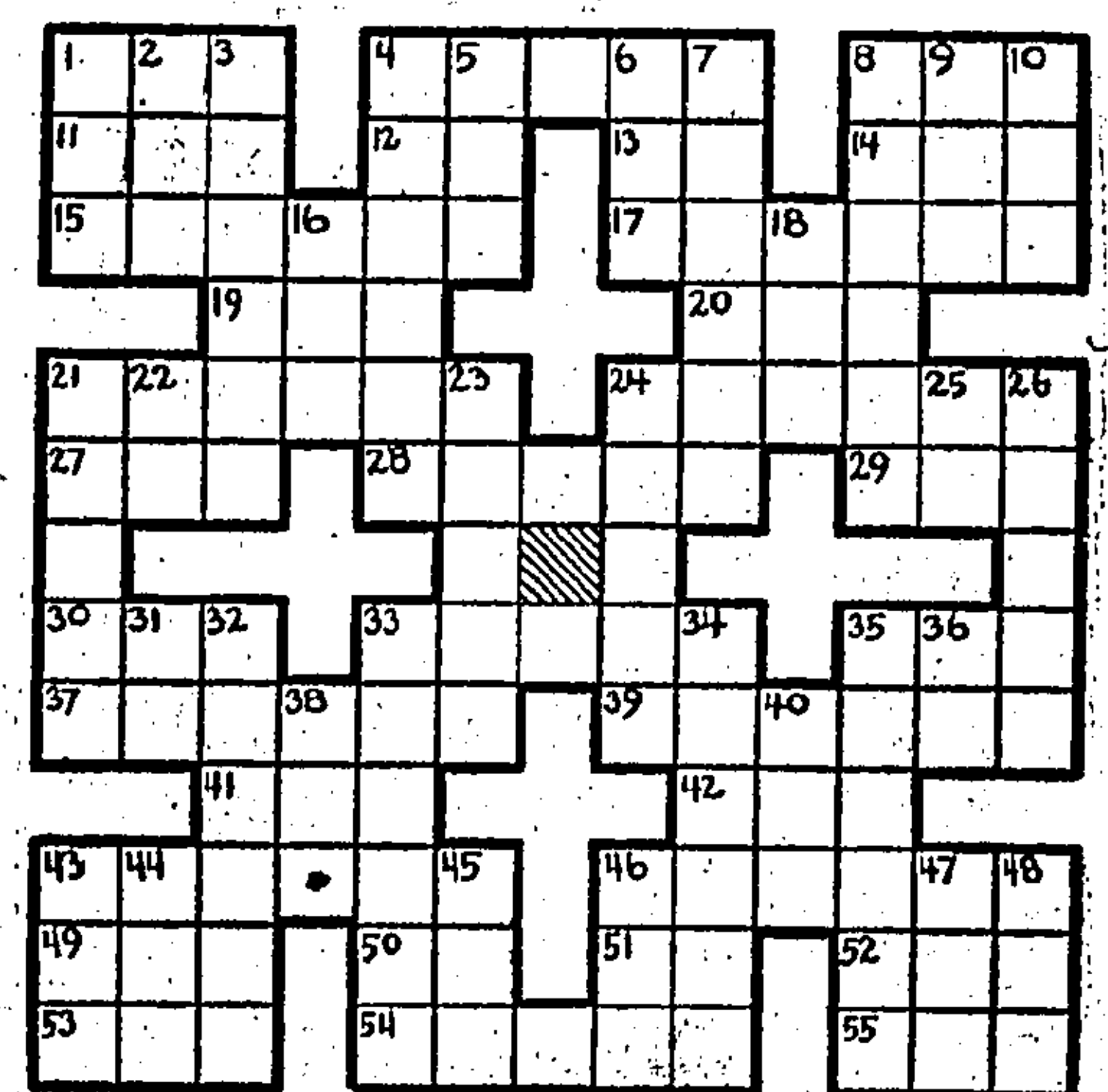
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Bosch | 37-Assisted | 21-Reluctant |
| 4-Chief of evil spirits | 39-Expand | 22-Half an am |
| 8-Isthmus connecting | 41-Consensus | 23-A wood nymph (Gr. Myth.) |
| Malay Peninsula and Siam | 42-A small bed | 24-Shy |
| 11-Swiss river | 43-To bully | 25-Egyptian sun-god |
| 12-Comparative ending | 46-Briety | 26-Tree with orange-like fruit |
| 13-Negative reply | 48-Without leaving | 31-Pronoun |
| 14-Bumx, same as an | 50-A continent (abbr.) | 32-Selects |
| 15-Rapture | | 33-Bristles |
| 17-A scoop | VERTICAL | 34-Parting to Nicene |
| 19-Combining form | 1-A nocturnal bird | 35-Heart test of a tobacco plant |
| "View" | 2-Organ of hearing | 36-Pronoun |
| 20-Human being (pl.) | 3-The residence of a gentleman farmer | 38-Pet |
| 21-Fable | 4-Period of time | 40-Plot of ground |
| 24-Silver coin of Abyssinia | 5-Exist | 42-Jump |
| 27-Unit | 6-Conjunction | 44-Mistake |
| 28-To empty | 7-Native of Normandy | 45-Rodent |
| 29-A dance | 8-Steal a child | 46-A title |
| 30-Definite article | 9-To tease (slang) | 47-So (Scott.) |
| 32-A silk fabric | 10-One (Scott.) | 48-Epoth |
| 35-Equip | 11-Born (Fr.) | |
| | 12-Snake-like fish | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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STOLEN WATCHES.

WOMAN ALLEGES TRUMPED-UP CHARGE.

TELL-TALE PAWN TICKET.

A Chinese woman, Luk Luk of No. 118, Apliu Street, was sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to two months' imprisonment for stealing a watch, the property of Cheung Ying, of the same address.

The inmates of other cubicles at the same address said that they searched the accused with a view to finding a pawn ticket for some clothing which she was suspected of having stolen and pawned.

In her girdle they found the pawn ticket for the watch, which had been missing for some time. The accused said that it was a trumped-up charge to make her vacate the cubicle she occupied.

The Magistrate convicted and passed sentence of two months' imprisonment.

Caught in the act of pawing a wrist watch valued at \$7.50, the property of Keung Kwai, Cheung On, an unemployed Chinese, was charged with larceny.

Sentence of six weeks' imprisonment was passed.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

CHESS—To-day—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.
Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—H.K. Ladies' Hockey Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club (Caer Cup).

GOLF—To-morrow—Captain's Cup, Fanning.

Sunday—Captain's Cup (Semi-Final), Fanning; Fear Cup, Kowloon Golf Club.

February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Chinese Athletic v. Royal Navy, Argyle v. Club.

South China v. Borders, Club de Recreio v. Kowloon F.C.; Police v. R.A. (Recreio ground); Second Division—University v. Navy; South China v. Chinese Athletic; Borders v. Club de Recreio; St. Joseph's v. Argyle.

Royal Artillery v. Eastern; Club v. Kowloon F.C.; Third Division—Chinese Athletic v. South China, Ewo v. Pukien, R.A.S.C. v. R.A.F.

Tuesday—Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

February 18—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, 2.30 p.m.

February 21—Chinese v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

February 23—United Services v. Shanghai.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—University v. Royal Artillery (L); Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (F); Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F); Division II—Royal Engineers v. Police R.C. (L); Civil Service C.C. v. Club de Recreio (L); Kowloon C.C. v. Hong Kong C.C. (F).

BOXING—To-morrow—Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Club v. Combined Services, 4.15 p.m.

February 14—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

February 17—United Services v. Shanghai, 3.30 p.m.

RACING—Sunday—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanning Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 18—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

HOME

FOOTBALL—February 14—English Cup—Fifth Round; Scottish Cup—Third Round.

February 21—Ireland v. Scotland.

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TORY VICTORY.

RESULT OF EAST TOXTETH BY ELECTION.

LABOUR'S "BURDEN."

London, Yesterday.
The result of the East Toxteth by-election, owing to Sir Henry Mond succeeding to the peerage on the death of Lord Melchett, is as follows:—

Sir John Buchanan-Hepburn Bt. (Cons.) 17,040

Mr. Burden (Labour) 5,550

Majority 11,490 —Reuter.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

CHINA'S BOAST AT GENEVA.

London, Yesterday.
The Opium Commission today discussed the traffic in opium and drugs in the Far East.

The Chinese representative emphasised the strenuous efforts by China to suppress it, and asked for the co-operation of the States having concessions in China.

The Commission decided to await the result of the negotiations for enquiring into the situation in China, recommended by the Opium Commission of 1929. —Reuter.

CLUTCHING HAND.

CHINESE GIRL VICTIMISED IN BONHAM ROAD.

BOYS' SUCCESSFUL CHASE.

Before Mr. E. H. Williams at the Central Magistracy this morning, an unemployed Chinese was charged with the theft of a hand bag, containing \$1.20, the property of Miss Ada Lo, of 69 Pokfulam Road.

Defendant admitted the charge.

Detective-Sergeant Clarke said that, on the evening of January 4, the complainant was on her way home along Bonham Road when the accused accosted her near the St. John's Annex, pushed her with one hand, and stole the hand bag with the other. He ran away, and Miss Lo shouted out "snatching." This drew the attention of two boys from the Annex, and they ran after the culprit and caught him in the ground of the University.

His Worship passed sentence of ten months' hard labour and 18 strokes with the birch.

GOLD STOCKS.

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London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons, today, replying to Sir Arthur Maitland, Mr. Philip Snowden said that the value of gold added to the stocks available for monetary purpose in the United States in 1930 was \$309,000,000, and in France 11,308,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.

Found in his room at 4, Burnes-

ton House, Glenalee, in an unconscious condition, Mr. James Roberts, aged 55 years, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital last night.

The discovery was made at 6.30 p.m., and a doctor was immediately called in, giving the opinion that the patient was suffering from pneumonia.

Mr. Roberts is stated to be a marine engineer by profession.

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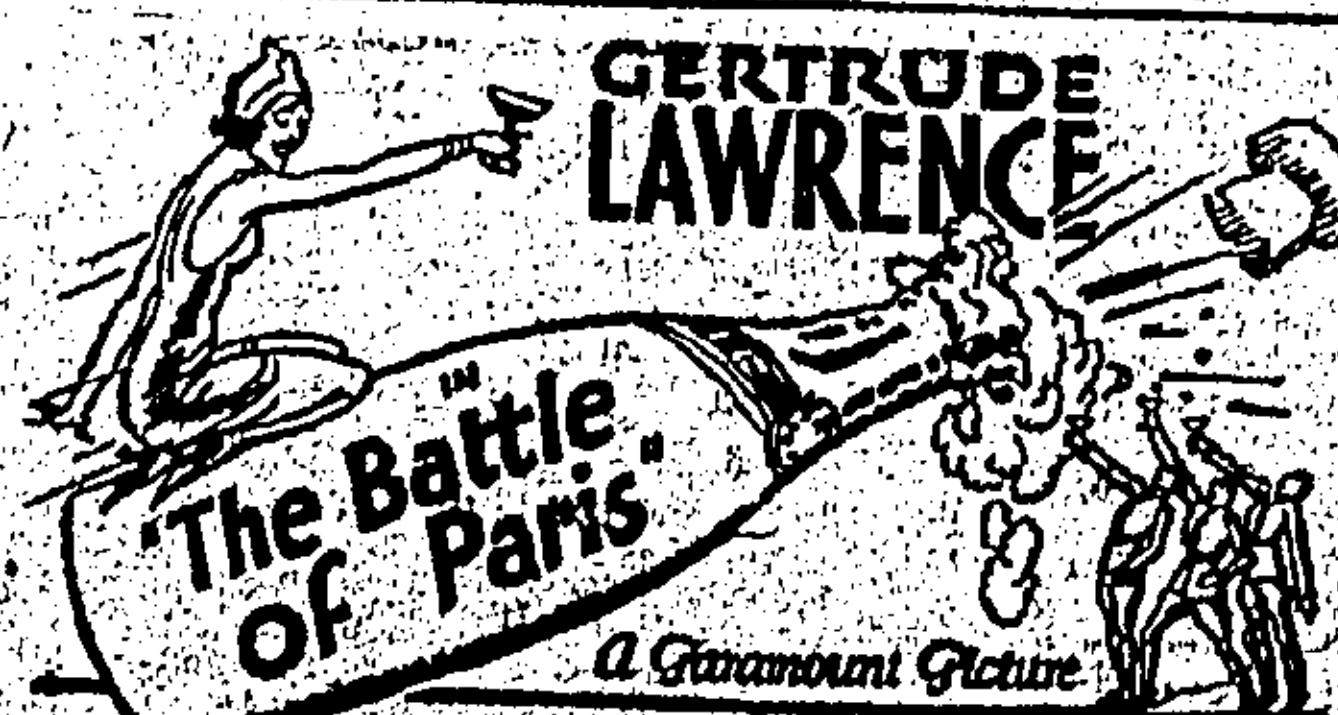
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